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Review to help local firms win contracts

COUNCILLORS are to examine the process used by Powys County Council to tender for goods and services amid concern that local firms find it difficult to win business.

It was announced this week that the council's Cabinet is to review the way tenders can be applied for and the way procurement processes are administered.

Executive leader Councillor David Jones said: "In the short time we have been in cabinet a number of issues have been raised on how the council awards its tenders. We have now looked at and have requested a review of how local businesses can benefit from applying to be on our tender list."

"Whist we acknowledged the system is perceived to be difficult to get on we are looking into how we can support local businesses to apply for local works in the community."

"We are all facing difficult financial times and regeneration is key to supporting the local community and if we can invest in local businesses whilst having a flexible approach to support the council to get best value for the residents money."

Heritage line base burgled

TONNES of metal gear used for relaying track have been stolen and thousands of pounds of damage caused after ram raiders targeted Cambridge Heritage Railway group's base at Llynclyd on Tuesday night.

Volunteers believe the thieves used a van or truck to smash through a large gate to get on to their site and smashed security cameras and lights to cover their tracks during the raid.

Group members say the theft of a large quantity of heavy cast iron chairs used in the relaying of track will hinder their work to improve the railway.

Anyone with information should contact police on 101.



Carl Fogarty, Craig Wilkie and Frankie Chili.

Superbike legend in surprise visit

A MOTORCYCLING enthusiast who has been confined to hospital since suffering spinal injuries in a road accident six weeks ago has received a visit from Superbike legend Carl Fogarty.

Fogarty, a multiple world champion during the 1990s, visited Craig Wilkie at the Midlands Centre for Spinal Injuries at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital in Gobowen, near Oswestry. He was joined for the visit by fellow former

Superbike rider Frankie Chili. Mr Wilkie, from Priorslee, in Telford, had hoped to watch Fogarty, Chili and fellow road racer Jamie Whitham in action on stage at the Road Racing Legends evening at the Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry on Friday night.

But after a recent fall from his wheelchair he can now only spend a few hours out of bed and had to miss the event.

Fogarty and Chili visited Mr Wilkie

before the evening event and presented him with a limited edition motorcycling print that was donated by Oswestry businessman Geoff Thomas from GT Appliances.

Mr Wilkie said he had been amazed to hear Fogarty would be visiting him.

He said: "When I heard that Carl Fogarty was going to visit me I couldn't believe it. It was such a good gesture. I used to follow the Superbike tour in the 1990s."

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Electrical retailer to close high street shop

OSWESTRY will be losing another high street chain store - Currys has revealed it will be closing in Church Street in April.

But none of the seven jobs will be lost as staff will be relocated to other shops including Shrewsbury or Wrexham.

In 2008, Currys bosses announced that they would be closing a number of Currys.digital/Currys high street stores when their leases expired.

A Currys PC World spokesperson said: "This closure is part of our ongoing store portfolio review."

"The Oswestry Church Street store is part of that gradual five to seven year process. This will give us a tighter portfolio moving forward; it's not a sudden reaction to the current economic climate."

Councillor Paul Milner, from Castle Ward which covers the town centre, said: "It is sad to see another high street store leaving the town."

The town has already lost Clifton Cards, Burtons and Peacocks - all previously based in Cross Street.

Chamber of commerce chairman Martin Anderson said: "It's bad news that this is happening and further increases the urgency for the local councils and politicians to commit to positive actions to support the local High Street."

Decision on station due

THE future of Oswestry's police station will be revealed today as the West Mercia force deals with £20 million in spending cuts.

New crime czar Bill Longmore was unveiling his plans at a press conference.

Fears have been raised that more than half of north Shropshire's five police stations in Oswestry, Ellesmere, Wem, Market Drayton and Whitechurch could be axed.

Mr Longmore said a change in 'public culture' has meant some stations are no longer cost effective.

SURGEON CLEARED AFTER OP TRAGEDY

by Graham Breeze

A MEDICAL tribunal has ruled that a top Oswestry surgeon is fit to practice after a patient died while he was performing keyhole knee surgery.

Professor James Richardson was performing the operation at the Orthopaedic Hospital in Oswestry in 2009 when his patient, 43-year-old Louis Belcure, suffered a heart attack due to an air bubble which got into his blood.

The General Medical Council had alleged that the Professor had not provided good clinical care to his patient because he had made significant modifications to a device, had not subjected the modifications to robust and documented risk assessments; failed to ensure the patient knew about the modifications and had not gained written consent.

But, while the panel sitting in Manchester found it proven that he had not used the device in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines, or carried out risk assessments, the other allegations were found not proven.

And the panel said that had the tragedy not happened, the method of repairing cartilage would have been widely adopted in surgery.

Panel chairman, Mr Michael Menlow, said: "This is a tragic case in which a young man lost his life, and the panel extends its condolences to his family."

Mr Menlow said air had been absorbed into Mr Belcure's body through a large pseudo cyst, which had not



Professor James Richardson

been seen on a pre-surgery MRI scan. He said: "Unusual veins in the wall of the pseudo cyst contributed to the absorption of air and thus the embolus."

He told Prof Richardson who broke down several times while giving evidence: "The precautions you had taken would have been sufficient in normal circumstances. The panel has no doubt that your distress was genuine."

The panel found the mod-

ifications to be minor, not significantly altering the device's performance.

Professor Richardson used the device to blow air in short bursts onto the operation site.

During the three week hearing Professor Timothy Briggs, medical director of The Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital and president-elect of the British Orthopaedic Association told the panel: "had the tragic incident of October 20, 2009 not occurred, the method of carrying out the procedure would have been widely adopted."

Mr Menlow told Prof Richardson: "The panel accepts the adverse outcome in this case was not reasonably foreseeable and was the result of the presence of an abnormal and undetectable pseudo cyst."

"The panel determines that you did not fail to provide good clinical care."

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Cheese pickle put right



Stuart Eyres, general manager of The Shropshire Cheese Company. Picture: Ian Sheppard

THE British Cheese Board has apologised after getting itself into a pickle over the manufacture of Shropshire Blue.

The organisation has made changes to its website after it incorrectly claimed that the cheese was not made in the county.

The mistake came to light when political heavyweight Eric Pickles said a fondness for Shropshire Blue was one of the main reasons for his party's frame.

A spokesman for the British Cheese Board said: "Our apologies go out to the cheesemakers in Shropshire who do manufacture Shropshire Blue cheese. We have since amended this on our website."

Robert Eyres, from the Shropshire Cheese Company, which is based at Abernatt Farm Dairy, Llanyblodwel, near Oswestry, said it was an understandable mistake.

"There are an awful lot of cheeses in the country, there may be 1,000 different cheeses," he said.

"They can't know what every cheese is."

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Group calls for halt to inquiry on windfarms

CAMPAIGNERS hoping to stop a public inquiry into plans to build windfarms in Mid Wales have been told the decision rests with the Government.

A full public inquiry into the plans is due to be held in June.

But campaigners asked inspector Andrew Poulter at a pre-inquiry hearing on Monday at The Pavilion Council Chamber in Llan-drindod Wells to either halt or postpone the hearing.

They argued that there had been a lack of information over the plans.

Mr Poulter said that decision rested with Edward Davey MP, the Secretary of State for energy and climate change.

He said he would have speak to Mr Davey before making any decisions on whether the inquiry should be postponed.

Hope

But Mr Poulter did offer members of The Alliance group – an organisation comprising 16 campaign groups from Shropshire and Mid Wales fighting plans for windfarms as well as electricity pylons through the countryside – some hope.

He told them he had a reputation for listening to local concerns.

Before the meeting, The Alliance warned that Shropshire and Mid Wales was 'under siege' from windfarm proposals.

Campaigners on both sides of the Shropshire/Welsh border say the decision on whether the windfarms are approved will be key to whether a series of pylons are built from Cefn Coch near Llanfair Caereinion to Lower Frankton near Oswestry.

Members of The Alliance

by Graham Breeze

wrote to Mr Poulter outlining their objections to the windfarm plans and urged him to scrap the public inquiry.

But he said: "There will be no decision made either way today and the decision will have to be made by the secretary for state and I will speak to him as soon as possible."

"What I can say is that the main inquiry will be held at The Royal Oak in Welshpool on a date to be fixed, with smaller evening events taking place in smaller communities and Llanbryn-mair and Newtown."

"I am keenly interested in hearing local views and I want them to be heard in the best possible way. Top of the list of priorities for me is to go away with a clear view as to what local opinion is."

"I have done many other inquiries and always make it known that I take on the public's views."

The statement from The Alliance to Mr Poulter said: "Individually and cumulatively the proposals will have a massive and irretrievable impact upon the environment in which they are contemplated."

"These proposals are of a scale and have consequences which are frightening."

8,000 trees planted at castle



Thomas Moore, Seasonal Ranger planting a small leaf lime sapling in the castle woodland. Picture: Ian Sheppard.

THOUSANDS of trees are being planted on parkland at Chirk Castle, to ensure native woodlands grow in the area once more.

A swathe of coniferous woodland around the castle has been removed over the past two years, and the estate team is replanting the area with native broad-leaved trees, including oak, hazel, lime, cherry, maple, crab apple, rowan and silver birch.

Workers are planting over 8,000 trees this winter as part of the castle's ongoing woodland management.

This week a group of children from Pont-fadog Primary School in the Ceiriog Valley were helping with the planting.

Carl Green, head warden at the castle, said: "The overall aim is to re-establish the native woodlands at Chirk after removing a

large percentage of coniferous woodland over the last two years.

"Native broadleaf trees bring a much greater benefit to local wildlife. Many species are dependant on these trees for their survival. This is just part of our longer term aims."

There has been managed parkland at Chirk Castle for over 700 years. Originally, the land surrounding the castle was used for hunting, providing both leisure and food for the castle's inhabitants.

Mr Green said that the Chirk Castle estate had been named a Site of Special Scientific Interest for its rare bats, invertebrates, ancient trees and fungi.

The estate at Chirk Castle is open to visitors 365 days a year from 9am to dusk.

Council is backing fight for crossing

PARISH councillors have vowed to take up the fight for a zebra crossing to be installed on a busy road near a primary school after more than 750 villagers backed the call.

Gobowen parish councillors are asking for a comprehensive study of all other speeding blackspots around the village.

The action is being taking after Gobowen grandmother Dot Basham collected 762 signatures for her petition in the space of four weeks calling for a crossing on St Martins Road and after road safety bosses revealed about 1,300 motorists break the 30mph limit every day.

The petition was handed over to Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council where councillors discussed the need for a crackdown on speeders around the village.

Mrs Basham said: "I handed the petition in and I got a really positive reaction."

"Our Shropshire councillor David Lloyd has agreed to take up the fight and go to Shirehall with the petition. The councillors voted unanimously to support the campaign."

Many people cross St Martins Road there including the elderly."

Coffee morning aids unit appeal

A COFFEE morning to raise funds for the bone cancer unit at Oswestry's Orthopaedic Hospital will be held at Whittington next month.

The event, from 10.30 am until noon at the senior citizens' hall, will include a wide variety of stalls and a tombola, a draw and guess the name of the teddy. Entry is £2.

The morning has been organised by Rita Moir, whose daughter and son-in-law are running the London Marathon to aid the appeal.

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Jessica's dream of scooping teen title



Jessica Hall

A LLANYMYNECH teenager is hoping for catwalk success after reaching the semi-final of Teen Queen UK.

Jessica Hall, 13, from Llanymynech entered the competition during December's Clothes Show Live and has reached the semi-finals.

The Llanfyllin High School student is now competing against 50 other teenagers from across the country for the crown.

But to be in with a chance to win she needs her friends, family and community to vote for her by texting TQ25 to 81319 or by calling 0900 596 1000 and then entering 25.

So far she has received 51 votes.

Jessica's mum, Sarah, said fliers had been sent to her school and her former school, Carreghofa Primary School, urging people to support her.

People only have until February 28 to vote for Jessica.

Workshop aims at aiding carers

A WORKSHOP to help carers will be held in Oswestry.

The Learning Together session will provide practical help and will take place in The Guildhall, on Bailey Head, from 10am to 12.30pm on 7 March.

For more information and bookings details call Shropshire RCC on (01743) 237888.

Apology to family as tragic knee op surgeon is cleared

A HOSPITAL trust this week offered 'heartfelt and sincere sympathies' to the family of a man who died during knee surgery after the surgeon who operated was cleared of wrongdoing.

Professor James Richardson continues to work at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital after father-of-three Louis Belcuore died during a procedure in October 2009.

by Graham Breeze

World experts put spotlight on technology

SOME of the world's leading technology companies will be spending an afternoon in Oswestry showing off the latest developments.

Micro Plus Computers staff, based in Oswestry, will be hosting an informal afternoon and evening event at Lion Quays Waterside Resort on March 7 from 12pm until 7pm.

It will see a host of top technology companies showcasing their wares. Companies include Samsung, Microsoft, Toshiba, Epson and Fujitsu.

During the event there will also be a prize draw for visitors who could be in with the chance of winning an Apple iPad, Epson printer, Samsung Galaxy Tablet and Epson digital projector.

People attending will get the chance to speak face-to-face with manufacturers and experts and there will also be guest speakers talking for about 20 to 30 minutes on a number of subjects from 1pm until 6pm.

Speakers will include a representative from Samsung talking about print services, iBoardTouch presenting information about Real-time collaboration using interactive displays, InfoCap with the subject of 'the paperless office', Hunter Bevan on 'Your brand in the Digital Age' and Epson on 'Audio and Visual Equipment for Schools'.

Event organiser Peter Stokes, operations manager of Micro Plus Computers, said: "There will be around 25 exhibits running throughout the afternoon and evening alongside several 'drop-in' sessions."

The surgeon was performing the operation in Oswestry when his patient, 43-year-old Mr Belcuore, suffered a massive heart attack due to an air bubble in his heart.

The General Medical Council had alleged that the Professor had not provided good clinical care to his patient because he had made significant modifications to a device, had not subjected the modifications to robust and documented risk assessments; failed to ensure the patient knew about the modifications and had not gained written consent.

But while the panel sitting in Manchester on Saturday found proven that he had not used the device in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines or carried out risk assessments, the other allegations were found not proven.

Sympathies

Wendy Farrington-Chadd, chief executive of the Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital Foundation NHS Trust, said Professor Richardson continued to work at the hospital. She offered her sympathies to Mr Belcuore's family.

"The trust deeply regrets the unexpected death of Mr Belcuore and would like to express our most heartfelt and sincere sympathies to Mrs Belcuore and her family and friends, for what must have been an extremely distressing and traumatic time."

"The trust acknowledges that the tribunal found the facts not proven and concluded Professor Richardson's fitness to practise is not impaired.

"Professor Richardson is a highly experienced consultant orthopaedic surgeon and continues to work at the hospital."

Professor Timothy Briggs, medical director at the hospital and president-elect of the British Orthopaedic Association, told the hearing that had the tragic incident not occurred the method of carrying out the procedure would have been widely adopted.

During the hearing Professor Richardson said: "I am very sorry for the family who have been incredibly distressed. I too am distressed for losing a patient who trusted me to undertake the procedure."

Mrs Belcuore declined to comment on the tribunal decision this week.

Something to sing about



Paul Oliver is making noises in the music industry.

THERE was more success this week for a Welshpool singer/songwriter who is quickly making a name for himself in the music industry.

Paul Oliver, who performs under the name of his great-grandfather Pryce Oliver, of Kilkewydd near Welshpool, collaborated with Radio One DJ Danny Howard on a new track called 'Feel It' last year.

The track was signed to global label Pacha Records in November and they have added the track to their Pacha 2013 album.

The album was released in Germany at the beginning of February and went into iTunes Album Chart at Number 3 and a UK version was released on Monday on

iTunes called Pacha Future Dance 2013. Now London based Paul is creating his own unique sound in the dance community and has collaborated with some of the finest DJs in the industry.

His first dance single Life is Good with David Loi was launched through HJM records in Italy and after collaborating with DJ Micas the song Pleasure was signed to Universal Records.

Other DJ's that he has worked with include Shrewsbury DJ Sonny Wharton on the track You and Me as well as Hysterix Ego and Block and Crown. To find out more about Paul and to listen to and download tracks, go to www.pryceoliver.co.uk

Police in appeal as rapist is jailed



Steven Beeks

POLICE have taken the unusual step of releasing a picture of a street entertainer convicted of raping a woman in Newtown because they want more victims to come forward.

Police fear the man could have attacked more victims in the Powys/Shropshire area and released a photograph of Steven Beeks in the hope other victims will come forward.

The 50-year-old was a familiar figure on the streets performing as a silver-painted "living artist".

He was jailed for seven years at Caernarfon Crown Court after he was found guilty of a rape in Newtown and of causing actual bodily harm in Shrewsbury.

He will be required to register as a sex offender and will be subject to monitoring for the rest of his life.

Detective Inspector Diane Davies said Beeks was a "transient individual", who "travelled extensively".

Schools join in with science fun

THREE primary schools are joining forces with Welshpool High School in a 'Get on with Science' project, funded by the Welsh Government.

The High School and feeder primaries; Guilsfield, Butington-Trewern, and Llandysilio will be participating in a range of science activities tomorrow, Friday.

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Hospice aided by cake event

CAKES and concertos were served up at a venue in Oswestry to help raise cash for charity.

Musical fundraisers held the event to collect money for Hope House Children's Hospice.

It took place over two hours on Saturday at the Parish Centre at St Oswald's Church for people to wander in to listen to music and enjoy refreshments. Organisers have said about £275 was raised during the afternoon.

Musicians played pieces from Mozart to Vivaldi on instruments including the flute, oboe, bassoon, strings and harpsichord.

by Graham Breeze

Boathouse set for the future

BUSINESSES have welcomed the news that an Ellesmere couple have been chosen to run a restaurant and visitor centre at a county beauty spot.

Richard and Kate Taylor will take over the running of the Boathouse in Ellesmere from March 27 after being awarded the contract by Shropshire Council.

Members of Ellesmere Chamber of Commerce said the couple were the 'perfect' choice because of the strong links they already have to the venue, which is jointly owned by Shropshire Council and Ellesmere Town Council.

Mrs Taylor has been managing the Boathouse restaurant since its refurbishment in 2009.

Mr Taylor is deputy chairman and secretary of Ellesmere Chamber of Commerce, secretary of the newly-established social enterprise, All Together Ellesmere, as well as being a founding member, secretary and treasurer of The Friends of the Mere.

Frances Nex, organiser, said: "It is the first time we have done this fundraiser."

"We chose Hope House Children's Hospice because we were thinking of a local charity that might benefit from it. The other purpose of the event was to enjoy the music. "It was free entry and people just made a donation."

Mrs Nex said she played the flute and the oboe on the day and her husband played the bassoon. Other members of her family also brought their instruments along to play on the day.

She said: "I have always played music since I was a child. I have been playing for the Oswestry Sinfonia for 12 years. I enjoy it - it is great fun."

Vanessa Thomas, fundraising manager for Hope House Children's Hospice, said: "We really appreciate Frances and her team raising money for us at the start of the new year."

Officials at Hope House Children's Hospice, which provides a service for life-limited children and their families, say a large proportion of their income is from donations and fundraising events.

In 2012 supporters of the charity helped to raise and donated £3.3 million. The sale of donated goods in its shops raised £475,000 and its lottery raised £250,000.

The charity has two hospices - one in Oswestry and one in Ty Gobaith in Conwy.



Event organiser Chris Nex at the Cakes and Concertos at the Parish Centre at St Oswald's Church. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

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Future of hall in the balance

THE FUTURE of a rapidly deteriorating village hall in Weston Rhyn will be put into the hands of local residents this week.

Crunch talks will be held tonight, Thursday at the village hall, in Bronygarth Road, at 7.30pm over whether or not to put thousands of pounds into hall repairs.

The building is more than 100 years old, and members of its management committee say the running and repair costs are increasing.

There is enough money in the pot for the next 12 months but after that there will have to be a decision to see if there is enough support for a £400,000 revamp.

by Graham Breeze

Jools to play at eisteddfod

JOOLS Holland, Only Men Aloud and Strictly Come Dancing couple James and Ola Jordan will be part of the star-studded line-up at this year's Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.

The glamorous dancers from the popular BBC show will share the stage with the veteran musicians of the highly-acclaimed Buena Vista Social Club to bring a Strictly Latin and Cuban flavour to Thursday night at Wales's biggest music and dance festival while keyboard king, Jools Holland and his Rhythm and Blues Orchestra will close the eisteddfod which runs from July 9-14.

The 67th Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod takes place at the Royal International Pavilion. After the opening parade of competitors through the streets on the Tuesday the opening concert will be the Carnival of Nations featuring four of Wales's finest male voice choirs, the Rhos Orpheus, Cor Godre'r Aran, Cor y Brythoniad and the chart topping Fron Choir.

Other stars will include Scottish percussionist Evelyn Glennie, English soprano Claire Rutter, and, from Wales, royal harpist Claire Jones.

Rescued pooches on parade



VOLUNTEERS from the Greyhound Rescue Shropshire and Borders, based at Condover, were at Sainsburys in Oswestry. The volunteers were promoting the awareness of the need for homes for the dogs. From left, Janine Woods, Beth Richardson, Lesley Spencer and Vicky Smith, with Chester and Billy. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

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Young are urged to help draw up vision

YOUNGSTERS in a village which for years struggled to provide children's activities will be asked this week to create a vision for their weekly youth group.

Gobowen youngsters are being invited to form a youth committee for the Green Room Youth Project.

The group will be holding its first annual general meeting tomorrow, Friday, in Gobowen Pavilion.

Group chairman Paul Drury said: "At the beginning we were doubting that the members would support the winter sessions but thanks to our volunteer Carol Pugh being a popular community leader her family and friends all encourage young people to take part."

"Sessions attract between 16 to 20 attendees and they all help to create activities and shape the group."

"Our annual general meeting will focus on voting two senior young people on to the committee and task them with setting up a youth forum for the group."

"We nominated six young people to support Shropshire Council Buzz project this year and they have helped to shape youth provision for the future. We have some exciting plans for this year and hope others will come forward to help us."

To get involved e-mail greenroomgobowen@live.co.uk

Spotlight on councillors for all new questions session

A PUBLIC question time will be staged in Oswestry in a bid to help ensure this year's town elections are a keenly fought contest.

The event will outline to the public how to become a councillor and will include a question and answer session with existing councillors ahead of the May 2 polls.

The talks, supported by various groups including the Oswestry Chamber of Commerce and the town's civic society and chaired by Radio Shropshire's James Bond, will be held at the Memorial Hall tonight, Thursday, February 21 at 7pm.

Organisers say they hope the talks will encourage people to stand for election.

by Graham Breeze

Windfarm plans put on display

A SERIES of public information sessions are being staged this week outlining controversial plans for a £64 million windfarm just five kilometres from a Mid Wales beauty spot.

Scottish Power Renewables is hosting the information days to give more details about its plans for a 32 turbine windfarm at Dyfnant Forest near Lake Vyrnwy.

The plans by the energy giant have already been described as 'disastrous' for the area by Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies and follows huge public concern over a separate application by National Grid to build a power line through the Mid Wales and Shropshire countryside.

Scottish Power bosses put preliminary environment information on display at the sessions, the first of which was at Banwy Community Centre on Wednesday.

They are also at Llanfair Caereinion Public Institute tomorrow, Friday and Llanfudlyn Community Centre on Saturday.

Oswestry businesswoman Ingrid Knowles, one of the organisers, said: "Our next big local political event here in Oswestry is the election on May 2."

"More than half of our existing town council seats will come up for election and it would be great to have a well contested election, with enough and enthusiastic candidates standing."

"I realise that I, and indeed other people I have asked, do not know enough about what it means to be a councillor in Oswestry or what the remit of a town council in England is."

"It is for anyone who is interested in seeing a new, vital council after next May, anyone who wants to know more about how the council works, how people can stand for and canvass for elections, anyone who is a councillor and wants to pass on relevant knowledge."

"I think this could be a great opportunity to practise democracy and citizenship and influence local community politics."

Mrs Knowles said she was keen to hear from people and organisations who wanted to attend the event so she could get an idea of potential numbers.

She can be contacted on (01691) 657223.

● Oswestry Town Council has a drop in session on Saturday, at the Guildhall, from 10am to 1pm to give people more information about the life and work of the town council.

Shoppers' love for market

From left, Michelle Carnell, from Shelley's Bags and Lucinda Cosslett, from Hatters. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

SHOPPERS at Oswestry indoor market have been letting everyone know how much they love the place thanks to an unusual Valentine's Day fundraising initiative.

Visitors to Powis Hall were encouraged to write messages of love on a large canvas installed at market's front door.

Organisers of the fundraiser said people used the initiative to write messages to their loved ones, advertise their business or simply just give a message about how much they value the market.

The market was recently named as the country's top local council run market by the National Association of British Market Authorities.

Stallholders say the Valentine's fundraiser was a great way for people to say how much they love the market or give a message to their loved ones.

Michelle Carnell, who runs a bags stall in the market, said: "We asked for a £1 donation and the money raised will go to Breast Cancer Research."

Complaint from BNP over plan for church

BRITISH National Party officials have made an official complaint after plans to transform a former Presbyterian church in a town in Shropshire into a Muslim centre were given the go-ahead.

The north Shropshire branch of the far-right party said the decision made by Shropshire Council planning officers should have been made at a full public meeting rather than in private. And they have written to Shirehall in protest.

The 19th century building in Oswald Road, will provide the first permanent home for the Oswestry Muslim Society. George Miah, chief adviser of the society, has previously said the organisation hopes to build bridges and gain better understanding in the community.

The £300,000 project will see the building, which is currently a furniture store, converted into a place for meeting and worship, with internal alterations and the creation of a one-bedroom, residential unit.

Phil Reddall, organiser of North Shropshire BNP said: "The complaint is regarding how the council delegated this application. I believe given comments received from the public and culturally significant nature of the application the council had a moral duty to make a decision."

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Healthier lifestyle ideas by good eggs

COMMUNITY bulk buying and teaching neighbours to cook are just some ideas from a bunch of good eggs looking at ways to encourage people in Oswestry to eat well.

Shropshire Council is working on a project called Good Eggs to bring people in Oswestry together to enjoy good food and company. People were able to discuss ideas at a meeting last Thursday.

Simon Penny, one of the project co-ordinators, said: "We were really pleased that people took time out of their day to come along."

The Good Egg team has been researching the project over the past three weeks.

They have been speaking to people on the street and gathering information about the way people live their lives and how they eat food.

During the event people discussed ways they could get people together to share food at a community venue.

They also had ideas about encouraging people to meet up to cook and eat at home, get people to take turns in cooking for each other and eating together and getting people with cooking skills to help others with preparing meals.

To learn more about the Good Eggs project contact the Business Design Team at sdshropshire@gmail.com or on (01743) 252016.

World champion's talk to bike fans raises £20,000



Former World Superbike rider Carl Fogarty at the event.



Crowds at the event. Pictures: Ian Sheppard.



From left, organisers Phil Morris and Colin Morris, guests of honour, former World Superbike riders Carl Fogarty and Frankie Chili and organisers Sue Morris and Gwen Morris.



Former World Superbike riders Frankie Chili, left, and Carl Fogarty, right, with Race commentator Jack Burnicle.

MORE than 450 motorbike fans helped raise £29,000 for charity by turning out in force to see legendary former World Superbike Champion Carl Fogarty talk at an event in Oswestry.

Fogarty, who was world champion four times in the 1990s, was the guest speaker at the eighth Road Racing Legends event held at the Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry last Fri-

by Sue Austin

day night. Fogarty relived his time on the track for adoring fans, who enjoyed a three course meal and a charity auction as well as other talks from riders.

Tickets for the event had sold out less than 12 days.

Phil Morris, one of the event organisers, said it raised £29,000 for good causes.

He said: "It was an absolutely unbeliev-

able night with fans from across the whole of the UK in attendance and we raised £29,000 which adds to the £105,000 the events have raised in the past.

"Carl and the other lads we had were all fantastic and it was like a who's who of the motorcycle world all live in Oswestry.

"Everyone I spoke to said they had a fantastic time and I think it really helped to put the town on the map - people were saying it was the talk of the town yesterday.

"There were a number of locals in the

crowd of 450, but I was really pleased we had fans from everywhere coming to Oswestry."

Fan Tom Edwards, 27, from Oswestry, who attended the event, said: "It was a wonderful event and Carl was a really funny and interesting man. He had the room in hysterics at times with his stories and he was also really kind in enjoying drinks with his fans.

"He also posed for pictures, signed autographs and was a real gentleman, it was a fantastic event."

Increased patrols as bins are set on fire

POLICE will step up patrols on an estate in Oswestry after two wheelie bin fires were started deliberately on neighbouring streets within an hour and a half.

The fires were started on Castlefields and Crestwood Court in Oswestry on Thursday, February 14.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service have said the fires were started on purpose and police pledged to patrol the area more over the next few days. No-one was hurt.

Derek Taylor from Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service said: "The two fires started a short space of time apart in the same area - we assume they were connected."

"We would try to encourage people when they get their wheelie bins out to keep them away from the main areas."

Mr Taylor said he had taken part in a site visit with members of Shropshire Council and police this week after a pile of newspapers were set alight in Castlefields.

Maria Wilkinson, spokeswoman for West Mercia Police, said in response to the fires officers will now start to focus their patrols in the Castlefields area.

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Police station closures are a sign of the times

IT'S A very sad sign of the times that station closures are at the top of the agenda for West Mercia Police.

As the force looks to trim a massive £20million from the annual budget, new Commissioner Bill Longmore is set today to announce which of the 18 Shropshire station doors are set to shut for good.

Fears have been raised that more than half of north Shropshire's five police stations in Oswestry, Ellesmere, Wem, Market Drayton and Whitchurch could be axed.

It will be really bad news for Oswestry if the town's station is on the list.

I speak from experience with the Dyfed Powys authority having already axed stations in a cost cutting exercise including closing at

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with Graham Breeze



Welshpool. Having to stand in the rain shouting into a receiver outside the station to someone based at the force headquarters in Carmarthen, who knows nothing at all about the area being discussed, is not an experience I will repeat in a hurry.

And now the town gets weekly visits from officers based in a van situated on one of the town's supermarket car parks which is really reassuring.

It is surely unthinkable that Mr Longmore would choose to slam the doors on Oswestry's station but nothing surprises me these days.

SPORTS personalities come in for plenty of stick so how heartening to see Superbike legends Carl Fogarty and Frankie Chili showing that not everyone should be tarred with the same brush.

The pair dropped in to see an injured motorcycling enthusiast at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital last week.

They had heard of his plight at not being able to attend a charity function they were taking part in at Oswestry.

Craig Wilkie was in sporting jargon 'over the moon' when the pair of heroes popped into the hospital for a surprise visit – a fan-

tastic gesture by a couple of motorcycling greats.

A MEDICAL tribunal has ruled that a top Oswestry surgeon is fit to practice after a patient died while he was performing keyhole knee surgery. Professor James Richardson was performing the operation at the Orthopaedic Hospital in Oswestry in 2009 when his patient, 43 year old Louis Belcure, suffered a heart attack due to an air bubble in his blood.

There are no winners in this case. A man has lost his life, a wife has lost her husband and three young children have been robbed of their father. And Professor Richardson must carry the burden of his mistake for the rest of his life. The only plus is that one of the country's top surgeons is still able to continue operating.

Animal magic as town's safari trail takes shape

by Sue Austin

WEIRD and wonderful animals will soon be popping up in and around the town of Oswestry as part of a safari trail with a difference.

From a stunning silverback gorilla to a prancing horse, the animals will take up residence in parks and other locations under plans which are taking shape after a local company donated more than 30 metal sculptures to the town.

Clive and Tracey Knowles, who run the British Ironworks Centre (BIC) based at Aston on the outskirts of Oswestry, say they wanted to give something back to the town.

The company designs and manufactures animal sculptures, from the small and portable to some as high as 10ft.

It approached the town council with a proposal to install a selection of its animals, including metal giraffes and elephants, in and around Oswestry as a tourist attraction.

Visitors would be able to follow a trail around the town, travelling from one sculpture to the next.

Councillor Vince Hunt, from Shropshire Council, said the scheme had been approved by the Oswestry Joint Economic Board.

"Plans are now being developed to position the charismatic animals around the town. There will be approximately 20 small portable sculptures suitable for indoor locations, and between 10 to 15 larger pieces placed in key outdoor locations around the town," he said.

The animals will be put where they can be best seen from the A5, drawing cyclists and motorists into the town. Mr Hunt said the trail would draw people through to the centre of town, 'and to areas that are not immediately apparent to visitors'.

He added: "It is hoped the animals will give residents, especially young people, added points of interest around the town as well as giving a 'wow' factor for incoming visitors to spend more time in Oswestry which in turn will benefit retailers in the town."

Mr Hunt and council officers have been out and about in Oswestry, talking to shop-



From left, Vincent Hunt, Keith Barrow and Ben Knowles, from the centre.



One of the sculptures to go on display in Oswestry.



Giraffes will be among the sculptures on show.

keepers and schools about the project. He said many retailers had already shown a keen interest in hosting the smaller pieces in their shops while residents and groups were also being encouraged to get involved.

"This new and exciting safari trail offers a unique selling point for Oswestry and will be a great asset for the town."

Shropshire Council leader Councillor Keith Barrow said: "This flagship trail will play an important role in developing Oswestry as a key tourist destination for

Shropshire." Funding for the supply and installation of the cast iron animals will be met by BIC, with minor costs covered by either Shropshire Council or Oswestry Town Council.

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A: Family Arbitration has been described as a private judging arrangement whereby a separating couple choose their arbitrator who decides either discrete or all issues in relation to the financial aspects of the separation. Arbitration is a voluntary process and it does only cover financial aspects of the separation. One of the greatest advantages of Arbitration is that you can select an Arbitrator of your choice, whereas you would not be able to select a Judge of your choice. The process is less formal and is therefore likely to be less confrontational, and you can schedule appointments to suit you rather than have to work around specific Court dates.

Solicitors often advise their clients about Arbitration as a viable option for resolving a discreet issue that is preventing a negotiated settlement. Arbitration can be purely a paper exercise, making it both speedier and more cost-effective. Once the Arbitrator has decided the outcome in relation to one or more issues in a dispute his or her decision is binding.

Solicitors may assist in choosing an arbitrator to deal with matters rather than litigating traditionally. It is however possible for clients to deal directly with the arbitrator, though separating couples sometimes prefer to be represented in the Arbitration so that their Solicitors can make representations to the arbitrator before he or she considers what award to make.

Further information relating to this question is available from Christine Hughes, a Consultant working in the Family Law Department of GHP Legal. For information relating to any other legal matter please call GHP Legal on 01691 659194, visit www.ghplegal.co.uk or attend one of our FREE legal diagnostic clinics every Wednesday 12-3pm (no appointment necessary). GHP Legal holds the Law Society Lexcel Quality Mark Accreditation



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BOB WYDELL
Oswestry

The reason for so many turtle eggs

TURTLES lay thousands of eggs in the sand. They have to because so few hatch and live to maturity.

If all the thousands of turtle eggs hatched and survived that could spell extinction for the species. Would there be sufficient food for all of them? Would mummy and daddy be able to support their vast broods?

I suppose turtles could demand their government provide. After all, most governments can do the impossible when votes are at stake. More housing, more benefits, more creches supplied by employers, more child minders supplied by the taxpayer?

Lucky for turtles then that they didn't evolve like humans. Had they done so, turtles too would have had to adopt the human philosophy – if you can't afford them, don't have them.

PETER J H SHARMAN
Arddleen

Bookmakers need your support

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bookmakers having gaming machines, even though they are popular and have been in shops for over a decade.

They claim they are addictive, but no evidence has ever been produced to show that – in fact, independent research shows the exact opposite. It shows that the number of people classified as problem gamblers who use gaming machines has actually dropped by 25 per cent.

They also claim there are too many shops – yet betting shops account for less than four per cent of retail units

in town centres. When almost weekly, town centre businesses like Blockbusters or HMV are closing down, does it really make sense to force one of the UK's major retailing sectors to close, just because a small number of people do not approve of them?

Please support your local bookies by writing to your MP – before it is too late.

DIRK VENNIX
Chief Executive
Association of British
Bookmakers



TAKE a look – you never know, your grandparents or great-grandparents might be among this group of Oswestry children. The board gives all the information we have: "Oswestry R.C. School, 1921. B44 Grp II".

Picture courtesy of Ray Farlow

Mosque critics are not being Christian

I SEE from your papers that some people are still on the warpath regarding the proposed Oswestry mosque.

Mr Clift is sadly correct in his observation that many Christian clergy seem to have lost the plot; blind leaders of the blind, as Jesus called them.

The Bible does not countenance the idea that all religions lead to God; Christ alone is "the way, the truth, and the life" (according to John 14:6).

What some people don't seem to realise, though, is that promoting Islam is one thing, but permitting Muslims to practise their religion freely is quite another. This is the principle of religious toleration.

As the early Baptist Thomas Helwys put it: "Men's religion... is betwixt God and themselves... Let them be heretics, Turks, Jews, or whatsoever; it appertains not to the earthly power to punish them."

If there are sound reasons for not having the mosque, then let us hear them. But appealing to a town council to restrict a group just because we don't agree with them is not a Christian thing to do.

Are you grateful for your liberty? Do you like to meet in your own premises? Then as someone said: "Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them" (Matthew 7:12).

OLIVER GROSS, Welshpool

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BT drags its feet on superfast broadband

RECENT articles about BT's plans to install superfast broadband into various towns and villages always leave me with a wry smile.

Baschurch was one of the exchanges that 'won' BT's Race to Infinity in 2010, and was promised superfast broadband in early 2012.

A year later we are still waiting, although it is available in Ruyton XI Towns (which is served from Baschurch exchange) if the posters are to be believed.

Perhaps we should encourage BT to get its finger out and deliver what it promised.

SIMON GOODWIN
Baschurch

Landmark EU vote on policy of fisheries

IT was decided at the European Parliament that EU fishermen are to be banned from discarding fish at sea.

MEPs voted in favour of an outright obligation to land all catches, which represents a key reform in Common Fisheries Policy.

My UKIP colleagues and I have long campaigned over discards and were glad to see the issue being addressed. I am very pleased with the outcome and support the newly imposed legislation.

While the reform is a major move in the right direction, the fact the EU Commission holds ultimate control over CFP continues to be hugely problematic for the UK fishing industry.

In the UK we have seen what was once a healthy and buoyant fishing industry more than halved by CFP – fleets have been destroyed, ports left derelict and our coastal waters diminished to little more than a bit part of EU 'common' waters.

In Wales, our inshore fisherman are disadvantaged by the EU quota system. A lack of quota means they target non-quota species like shellfish (about 90 per cent of Welsh fleet landings) and the majority of Welsh fisheries also tend to catch a single species of fish and these species are now beginning to decline in numbers. What more evidence do we need that Common Fisheries Policy simply cannot work? The UK should control and fish her own waters. To me, full repatriation of fishing policy to the member states is truly the only option.

JOHN BUFTON
UKIP MEP for Wales

Appeal for a computer

I AM writing to see if any business/company in Shropshire or Telford has a wi-fi laptop surplus to requirement which I can send to a friend who helps run a mission for children in Nigeria.

She is also looking for a Samsung Galaxy smart phone. The wi-fi internet has been installed by a benefactor so now they want the above so they can talk to the world.

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NEWS
in brief**Parents invited to church scheme**

PARENTS and toddlers are invited to attend a new programme at a Welshpool infant school.

Gungrog Church in Wales Nursery and Infant School in Welshpool will hold the classes, for children aged one to three, on Tuesdays from 1pm.

Emma Jehu said: "This is an opportunity to meet other parents in a relaxed and fun environment and cover different areas each week in supporting and building your child's self esteem through praise and help manage children's tantrums through positive discipline."

Museum stages paintings display

OIL paintings from around Mid Wales have gone on show at a new exhibition in Welshpool.

The exhibition, which is being held at the Powysland Museum, shows the social history of Welshpool and Newtown through art work created in the county.

Eva Bredsdorff, museum curator, said the exhibition would run until March 9.

Group holds AGM

WELSHPOOL and District U3A will hold its annual general meeting on March 5. The meeting will be held at 10.30am at Church House, Church Street, with doors open at 9.45am.

Friendly calls for supporters

A LOCAL campaign has been launched to recruit more than 400 volunteers to support people over 50 who are at risk of losing their independence due to illness, bereavement, disability or isolation.

The four-year Powys Befrienders project, funded by a grant from the Big Lottery Advantage programme, is run by Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations (PAVO), an independent agency that supports volunteering and provides help and advice to voluntary organisations and community groups to enable them to work more effectively.

The Institute of Rural Health is working with PAVO to evaluate the project and is seeking volunteers from the Welshpool area.

by Graham Breeze

War memories plea for book

MEMORIES of a Mid Wales town during the Second World War are wanted by a historian for a new book.

Following on from his successful book on Welshpool Pantomime Society, local history enthusiast Alan Crowe is appealing for people to come forward with their memories from the war years for his latest project.

He said: "My pantomime book was made up of personal memories, photographs and memorabilia lent to me, and now I want to look at life in Welshpool during the last war."

"I am looking for photos and other personal effects of people from the area that served in the armed forces, or the memories of those that were children at the time."

Anyone able to help can contact Mr Crowe on 07782 166342 or e-mail him at alan60s@live.com

Copies of the pantomime book can be obtained from Welshpool outlets Plaunt It, Number Fourteen and the Tourist Information Centre.

One of the project's anticipated outcomes is that it will help people remain in their own homes for longer and with improved quality of life.

Rachael Beech, Powys Befrienders co-ordinator, said that the success of the project was dependent on the goodwill of committed volunteers prepared to give up their time freely to help make a difference to people's lives.

Volunteers provide support and companionship in a range of activities in their own home or in the community, including sitting and having conversations, walks, shopping as well as trips and attending activities and clubs. The support is designed to help the client to become more independent over 12 months and it is hoped that volunteers are able to commit to this length of time.

Volunteers do not require previous experience, as training is available. In addition to gaining valuable experience and skills for future employment, they will also give something back to their community.

Powys Befrienders is looking for volunteers who feel they can make a difference by giving a couple of hours a week to help someone in their community regain their confidence to become more independent and take control over their life.

For more information or to sign on to the scheme, contact Rachael Beech on Rachael.beech@pavo.org.uk

Coffee morning for the RBL



A COFFEE morning was held at Church House in Welshpool to raise funds for the Welshpool branch of the Royal British Legion. Serving refreshments to Iris Lane was local councillor Francesca Jump. *Picture: Peter Flemmich*

Former MP is due to speak at dinner

FORMER Montgomeryshire MP Lord Carlile of Berriew will be guest speaker at the annual dinner of the Montgomeryshire Liberal Democrats tomorrow night (Friday).

There will also be a three-course meal and promise auction at the event, which will take place at The Henllan at Llangyniew, near Welshpool.

It is open to members of the public, as well as members. Tickets at £20 each are available from the Liberal office in Park Street in Newtown or on (01686) 625527.

Rob Harper, chairman of Montgomeryshire Liberal Democrats, said: "We are delighted to welcome Lord Alex Carlile to The Henllan."

Police choir will sing for appeal

SHREWSBURY Police Male Voice Choir will be raising funds for the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund and Welshpool Hospital at its next concert on March 2.

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Castle tourism event to give businesses a boost

Rhyme-time at library



RHYME-time sessions are being introduced at Welshpool Library at 10.30am every Thursday morning during term time. Contact Ffion on (01938) 553001. Preparing for the sessions in advance was senior library assistant Helen Evans. Picture: Peter Flemmich

by Graham Breeze

A MAJOR Wales Tourism Week event is being organised at Powis Castle on the outskirts of Welshpool on St David's Day to raise awareness of the tourism industry's importance to the economy.

The event is being jointly organised by the National Trust and Mid Wales Tourism (MWT), an independent organisation that represents 600 tourism and hospitality businesses across Powys, Ceredigion and Meirionnydd.

Assembly Members, MPs and county, town and community councillors are being invited to the event, together with tourism business owners and managers.

Speakers will include Val Hawkins, MWT's chief executive, Powis Castle property manager Emma Thompson and Wales Tourism Alliance chairman Chris Osborne.

The event will also see the launch of the new www.VisitMidWales.co.uk website and a behind the scenes tour of Powis Castle, one of the most popular tourist attractions in Wales.

Mrs Hawkins said: "Our aim is to highlight the huge revenue generating value that tourism brings to the local economy and the opportunities it provides for jobs and careers."

Emma Thompson said: "As the largest tourism business in Wales, welcoming more than a million people to our attractions, and providing free access to the stunning Welsh coast and countryside that we care for to a further four million, the National Trust is committed to doing all we can to boost tourism in Wales."

"We are looking forward to hosting the event at Powis Castle to showcase tourism in Mid Wales."

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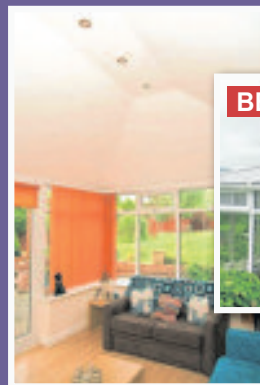
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How your company can enter for award

BUSINESSPEOPLE enjoyed a night to remember last year as they celebrated in style at the Oswestry & Border Chronicle's Business Awards presentation night.

It was party time at the Lion Quays Resort for the best businesses in the area and this year it's going to be even bigger and better and the best way to guarantee your place is to enter the competition with every finalists receiving free places.

It will celebrate the rich resource of skills and people who thrive and prosper in today's challenging marketplace. Launched in association with Oswestry Chamber of Commerce the awards are again held in conjunction with Lion Quays Waterside Resort.

The glittering ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 1, when finalists will be competing for nine major trophies.

Whether employing a handful of staff or a workforce of hundreds, whether turning over thousands of pounds or millions of pounds, operating in a new service sector or a long-established area of manufacturing, or an individual, we want to hear from you.

The key is the business must be mainly or wholly based in The Chronicle circulation area. All finalists, together with sponsors and other representatives from the business community, will enjoy hospitality at the Lion Quays Resort in May when winners will be announced and awards presented.

by Graham Breeze

Graham Breeze, associate editor, said he was delighted the resort had again agreed to host the event and the Chamber of Commerce was continuing to be involved.

"The Chronicle celebrates its second birthday in March and this partnership emphasises the regard in which the paper is held by the business community," he said.

The awards have been welcomed by the Chamber of Commerce. Martin Anderson, chairman, said he was again looking forward to helping plan the awards scheme.

"Backing the Independent Retailer Award fits well with the very economically important small independent shop culture in either Oswestry or Welshpool," he added. "Hopefully this will encourage them to thrive and develop."



Finalists enjoyed a night to remember at last year's awards ceremony at the Lion Quays Resort. Pictured are staff from Lanyon Bowdler solicitors.

THE competition, which is free to take part in, is open to all companies and organisations based in the distribution/circulation area of Oswestry & Border Chronicle. Whether trading in Oswestry, Welshpool or any of the surrounding villages we want to hear from you.

Decide which category or categories you would like to enter and check the criteria on this page.

Write your entry using A4 paper written on one side only up to a maximum of 500 words, explaining why your business deserves to win for the category/categories you are entering.

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You can scan the entry form and e-mail it with your entry of not more than 500 words to awards@oswestrychronicle.co.uk or you can enter online by going to www.oswestrychronicle.com/business-awards. Entries must be received by close of business on Friday, March 8, 2013.

No business may enter more than three categories in total. Sponsors cannot enter their own category.

What happens next?

Judging of the entries will take place soon after the closing date. The judging panel will consist of representatives from Oswestry & Border Chronicle, Oswestry Chamber of Commerce, the sponsors and an independent adjudicator.

The judging panel will select the finalists and winner in each category.

All finalists will be notified by the end of March and the line-up will be revealed in the Oswestry & Border Chronicle before the awards night.

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ENTRY FORM

Category.....

Company name.....

Company address.....

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Name of contact.....

Contact's phone numbers.....

Contact's email.....

COMPANY INFORMATION

Date of formation.....

Number of employees.....

Turnover for last financial year, including net trading profit.....

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Which category will you go for?

●Best Online Business

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Companies must have been operating since at least February 1, 2011 to enter this category. Businesses will need to show how they identified a niche in the market place, adopted a relevant marketing strategy, have installed a first class customer service policy and have plans for sustainable future development.

●Best Small Business

Sponsored by **Lanyon Bowdler**
The award will go to a small business, up to 10 employees, demonstrating a high level of success in its sector. It should be able to illustrate a competitive advantage and have plans for future expansion, including growing market share. Innovative, forward thinking and progressive are the most apt labels for the winner.

●Community Champion

Sponsored by **Lion Quays Waterside Resort**

The judges are looking for a business that displays a real commitment to corporate social responsibility and can demonstrate the positive impact this has had on their neighbourhood. This may include staff working voluntarily on local projects and evidence must be given on how this benefited employees and the community.

●Young Business of the Year

Sponsored by **Turner Peachey**
Businesses less than five years old at February 1, 2013 can enter this category. They will need to demonstrate dynamic leadership, innovative product/service development and a robust marketing strategy, have achieved a tangible level of success and demonstrate a clear and deliverable vision for the future.

●Innovation award

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This award is open to any company that has developed a new idea, product or way of operating which is completely different. The judges will expect to see the impact this has had on the business performance, probably involving new technologies, and be confident of future plans.

●Customer Service award

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Businesses entering this category need to illustrate their commitment to, and achievement of, outstanding customer service. Everything an organisation does to win, satisfy and retain customers will be considered.

●Young Business Entrepreneur Foundation

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The judges are looking for an individual aged between 16 to 30 on February 1, 2013 who has been in business for a minimum of 12 months. Entrants will need to demonstrate that they have a robust marketing plan, have achieved a tangible level of success and can demonstrate a clear vision for future development.

●Business of the Year

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The judges are looking for an established, successful business that has displayed an outstanding performance and become an example of best practice in the region. The winning company will combine inspirational leadership with a dedicated workforce, creative marketing with a smart use of new technologies, product or service innovation with a first class commitment to customer service.

●Independent Retailer Of The Year

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Open to independent retailers exclusively, the businesses will be required to show how they have performed over the past 12 months ending February 1, 2013. They will need to demonstrate they have understood the need of shoppers and how they have responded; maintained high standards including first class customer service and shown commitment to the community; have displayed innovation that sets them apart from their competitors.

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NEWS

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Egg unit given the go-ahead

Villagers urged to have say on future

Farm opens doors



VISITORS to Park Hall Farm near Oswestry will have the chance to feed lambs. Running every day until February 24, at noon and 3.15pm, and every weekend until they open officially at the end of March. Having fun with one of the lambs was Hattie Woodhead, two, Joseph Woodhead, five, and dad Matthew Woodhead, from Llanymynech. Picture: Peter Flemmich

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build a 16,000-bird free range egg production near Welshpool have been given the go-ahead by planning chiefs.

The plans for Pant Farm in Meifod, came under criticism by locals who fear an increase in traffic and smells from the unit.

But Powys County Council's planning committee gave the application the go-ahead at a meeting in County Hall, Llandrindod Wells.

Applicant Rowland Morris said all traffic will use the main trunk road and said the Countryside Council for Wales had no concerns regarding the smell.

He has one 16,000 free range bird production unit on the site, but hopes to double the size.

by Graham Breeze

Glyn Davies, Montgomeryshire MP, wrote to the council.

He said: "I have received a number of letters raising objections. I viewed the file and noted the number of objections raised.

"I also noted that the Environment Agency Wales and Countryside Council for Wales did not oppose the plan."

Roger and Helen Fielden, of Meifod, who opposed the plans, said: "We suffered a plague of flies last summer and understand the source of those was traced to the Pant Farm egg production shed. We are naturally concerned that a second unit will result in a further increase in fly concentrations."

Mr Morris said: "All HGVs have

been instructed to enter and leave the farm from the A495. The Countryside Council for Wales has commented that they have no objections against the application on ammonia emissions and the aim is to take on further staff.

"I am under a tight timescale as the new contract is due to start in May and the farm has been owned by three generations, while all objectors have moved here in the last 10 years."

In his report to the committee, planning officer John Pearson said: "This application is an extension to the existing unit."

"On balance, it is considered that the further investment and diversification in the economy outweighs the issues relating to visual impact, and the application is considered to meet the requirements of policy."

PEOPLE concerned about the future of their village near Oswestry are being urged to attend a meeting next month.

West Felton Parish Council is looking at updating its parish plan at the meeting on March 11.

Councillor Steve Haworth said: "This meeting is to get an idea about what local people think of the future of the parish and how the village will develop over the next 15 years. The parish plan is hugely important."

He said it would be a chance for people to say what they would like to see in the village, like leisure

facilities, play areas, potential employment, roads and traffic.

"The parish plan covers every area of local facilities," said Councillor Haworth. "This meeting is the first stage of the parish plan."

"We want people of all ages to come along. We are really keen to get a cross section of people at the meeting."

The last time the important plan was updated was in 2005. Officials now want to know if residents' views of the village's development have changed. The meeting is at West Felton Village Hall on March 11 from 7pm.

Parish councillors dig in heels over housing strategy

PARISH councillors in Weston Rhyn are sticking to their guns over a housing strategy which Shropshire Council planners warn could see development in inappropriate areas.

The councillors were asked by county planning officers to reconsider a view that the entire parish should be designated an area for new housing.

The planners warned that such a blanket ruling could leave the whole area open to inappropriate development.

But despite the Shirehall plea, the councillors say they will stick to their stance that the entire area should be deemed a 'community cluster'.

The plea was discussed at a parish council meeting parish clerk Roger Dyke said.

Mr Dyke said: "The councillors reiterated their view that the whole parish should be a community cluster."

"They do not see why any specific area should be designated a cluster at this stage subject to full planning consultation taking place before any development takes place."

"They don't see why Weston Rhyn village should be designated a cluster to the exclusion of other areas of the parish."

Mr Dyke said the councillors would write to Shropshire Council with their views and invite the officers to attend a council meeting to discuss the situation.

He said: "We have asked to attend a future parish council to go through it with them and hopefully have it sorted out."

"If they persuade the councillors to change their mind the situation will change but at the moment they have reiterated their views that the whole area should be a cluster."

That would mean the whole parish would be open to further development until 2026.

The officers suggested it may be better to name the actual settlements where development would be best placed.

Councillors urged to back plans for sports pavilion

COUNCILLORS in Oswestry are being asked to formally support plans for a new sports pavilion.

The project to improve the run-down Gatacre Pavilion and its recreation ground in Oswestry could eventually see it shared by Woodside Primary School and the community.

A questionnaire has already been launched asking local people for their thoughts on how they want to see the pavilion improved. A report to go before members of Oswestry Town Council at the authority's next planning and development meeting outlines the aims of the project.

The report from Sarah Wheale of consultants Pleydell Smithyman Limited said they were developing a feasibility study for a joint use pavilion and junior football pitch. She said: "It has been proposed that the existing junior football pitch will be transferred into the ownership of the school."

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Rare breeds ace to talk at group

THE North Shropshire and Borders Smallholders Group will welcome Richard Broad, from the Rare Breeds Survival Trust, to its meeting at Llanyblodwell and Porhywaen Hall, near Oswestry, on Wednesday.

Mr Broad will be talking about keeping rare breeds, in particular sheep, from 7.30pm.

"If you are interested in learning more about these animals then please come along - anyone is welcome and the cost is just £3," said Janet Shelton.

Plans go in for 60 new homes

MORE than 60 homes could be built in Ellesmere.

The homes have been earmarked for a site off Wharf Road and will include townhouses, semi-detached houses and affordable homes.

Persimmon Homes North West, who have submitted the plans, hope the houses will appeal to first-time buyers, couples, families and the elderly.

Seven-mile ramble

OSWESTRY Ramblers Group will travel to the Ceiriog Valley on Sunday for a seven-mile walk, meet in the Central Car Park in Oswestry at 9.30am for travel to the valley.

Farmers warned to plan finances to avoid a crisis

FARMERS in Shropshire need to budget and forecast to avoid a financial disaster, a specialist accountant has warned.

Louise Hudson, a chartered accountant, said it was vital for farmers to keep on top of their finances and to forecast their spending as costs continue to rise through 2013.

Mrs Hudson, who runs her business Hudson LM Ltd from her family farm in Whittington, near Oswestry, said: "Budgeting and forecasting for the year ahead is important, particularly for farmers as incomes and costs can fluctuate dramatically."

"In my experience, those businesses with a plan, forecast and budget, tend to perform better than those without - the main reason is because they know what their financial capacity is, where they can afford to spend and invest capital and where they need to cut back."

"It helps to forewarn of any months where cash could be tight and a call to the bank manager may be required to fix up an overdraft beforehand."

Mrs Hudson has first-hand knowledge of farming as a farmer's wife and also specialises in agriculture and rural business accountancy due to her expert industry knowledge.

She said farmers, apart from dairy farmers, did not receive a regular business

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income and also sometimes had to wait 12 months for money to come in while having to fork out on more equipment and livestock.

"This requires a significant level of cash flow management and can put a severe strain on business," she added.

Loans

"Farmers and landowners who already have existing borrowings - loans and overdrafts - or who are looking to ask their bank for lending, will be in a much stronger position to be successful in borrowing money and getting a lower interest rate if they can demonstrate to the bank they have quality budgets, forecasts and up-to-date financial information and generally that they are financially aware of their business position."

For more information visit www.hudsonlm.co.uk, call Louise on (01691) 662282 or e-mail louise@hudsonlm.co.uk



Louise Hudson, from Whittington, near Oswestry, has issued a warning for farmers.

Trim trail proposal in line for £2k boost

A PROJECT to encourage residents of a village in Shropshire to enjoy a healthier lifestyle is set to get a £2,000 cash injection.

The cash will go towards the estimated £10,000 cost of developing an outdoor exercise trim trail around Gobowen playing fields - a project which has been made a priority in the village's recent infrastructure projects review.

Members of the area's local joint committee will meet on February 26 where they are likely to rubber stamp the £2,000 grant.

Community action officer Julie Ruler said in a report to the committee: "This application is submitted on behalf of the group of volunteers that support the Gobowen Playing Field."

"They would like to install a trim track around the perimeter of the field to encourage keeping fit, cycle practice for young children etc."

The report said the total cost of the project would be £9,915, including £4,358 match funding and the grant would cover groundworks and materials.

Members of Gobowen, Selattyn, St Martins and Weston Rhyn Local Joint Committee will discuss the grant, along with others, at their meeting on February 26 at All Saints Church Hall in Gobowen at 7pm.

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College is hosting contest of skills

A SPECIALIST college has been chosen to host the launch of a national skills competition.

Derwen College at Gobowen, near Oswestry, will host the launch next month as well as various other activities celebrating and recognising the skills and achievements of people with learning disabilities.

The skills competition is spearheaded by Natspec, The Association of National Specialist Colleges, whose chief executive Alison Boulton will be at the college on the launch day, March 6.

It coincides with the final heats of Derwen College's retail competition, Display your Wares, when students from across the country will be judged on their retail display skills by industry experts.

Among the Derwen College students taking part in the Display your Wares competition will be 20-year-old John Hughes from Aberystwyth, who is currently in his second year at the college.

He has been training in retail and during the spring term, John also worked in Young's Farm shop at Derwen every other weekend.

Nicola Vine, the college's vocational curriculum manager, said: "John really has come on in leaps and bounds while at Derwen."

The skills competition launch will run from 4pm.

Furniture scheme reclaims 5,500 items at new site

A FURNITURE recycling store in Oswestry has reclaimed more than 5,500 items in its first year in new, larger premises.

Staff at the Shropshire Housing Alliance Furniture Store, which opened in new premises in Glovers Meadow in Oswestry last year, said they have seen it grow with longer opening hours and more people employed.

The SHA Furniture Scheme is a community project which collects furniture and other donated household items and makes them available to any members of the community who wish to have them.

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Scores finish 999 training

NEARLY 20 people have completed a first aid session.

The 18 volunteers were trained by members of Oswestry Community First Responders.

West Midlands Ambulance Service paramedic Terry Foster led the event and put people through their paces.

He taught them how to carry out practice resuscitation, cardiac compression and helping save a choking baby, child or adult.

The session was organised by Borderland Rotary Club and the Osyteers and was held at Oswestry Fire Station in Mount Road.

Organiser Mike Lade said: "Each attendee went away with a Heart Start certificate issued by the British Heart Foundation. This means they have the skills to sustain life until the 999 service can get to them."

Oswestry Borderland Rotary Club meets on a Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Sweeney Hall Hotel.

The service moved from smaller premises in the Mile End Industrial Estate in the town so it could offer a larger showroom for furniture sales and increased workshop space for the repair and restoration of furniture for Oswestry Furniture Scheme.

In the past 12 months it has provided more than 5,580 items of household products and has recycled 1,276 items of furniture and electrical items which would have otherwise gone to a landfill site.

Safety

In its premises the store stocks items from three-piece suites, sofas, tables, chairs, wall units, bedroom furniture, beds, mattresses and chest of draws. It also has a large selection of electrical items which have all been given the portable appliance test for safety.

Neil Williams, furniture store manager, said: "Through our contract work with Veolia we have re-used just over eight tons, 258 items, of bulky waste in Oswestry and north Shropshire."

"Our three van crews have been busy with collecting just over 170 tons - 6,239 items - throughout Shropshire collecting from over 1,500 homes."

"The new warehouse has provided us a good base for the furniture to be sorted, cleaned, repaired or tested before they are ready to be redistributed through our show room." For more information about the store or to donate call (01691) 679817.

Youngsters take to airwaves



From left, Hannah Lloyd, 13, Morgan Pugh, 13, Brandon Rogers, 12, Jay Moore, Chairman of Fusion Arts Oswestry and Conrad Daszkowski. Picture: Ian Sheppard.

YOUNGSTERS are making final preparations ahead of the broadcast of their own radio show.

The two-hour, Friday night programme could pave the way for a dedicated youth radio station for Oswestry.

Young people worked over the weekend on their first FAO - Fusion Arts Oswestry - show at The Centre, the town's new youth club. It will be broadcast either next Friday or the Friday after on internet radio site www.radradio.co.uk from 5.30pm.

The radio show is one of the first suc-

cesses for The Centre, which caters for 10 to 19-year-olds. It will feature music, current affairs and adverts.

Musician Jay Moore, chairman of Fusion Arts Oswestry, said: "The young people decide the content, write the programme, present it and record it. I do some of the presenting but it will be mainly young people."

"We are very excited with the project and can not thank Rad Radio enough for letting us have a slot on the station."

He said the eventual aim was for FAO to have its own internet station.

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Art activities to mark library day

COMMUNITY art activities will be held in Oswestry to celebrate National Libraries Day.

Artists will create sculptures in the town library on Saturday.

People will also be able to take part in Shropshire's Spring Read.

People are asked to read four books, write down what they thought of them and give them a rating out of five.

Rating forms can be picked up from any library and should be returned there in return for four free library requests, and entry into a draw for £30 worth of book tokens.

The closing date is April 23. For details visit shropshire.gov.uk/library.nsf

Co-op members help club's trips

CO-OPERATIVE members on the Shropshire/Powys border have helped Llansilin Over 60s Club to fund transport and seasonal parties with a donation of £1,650.

The group received the cash boost from The Co-operative's Community Fund, money accumulated by members opting to donate all or part of their annual dividend.

The money is distributed by The Co-operative's local area committees.

Club spokesman Sarah James said: "Funding is ever harder to secure. We are delighted."

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Girl wins accolade for pony successes

A SCHOOL pupil has been awarded a trophy after becoming an overall winner at last year's Pony Club camp and rallies.

Anna Warner, who goes to Oswestry School Preparatory Department at Bellan House, collected the trophy at the North Shropshire Pony Club annual award presentation recently.

The awards was for seniors and juniors and Anna, a junior, won the award with her pony Eddie.

Meanwhile an upper sixth pupil at Oswestry School has come second out of 19 competitors at the Shropshire Schools Cross-county Championships.

Daisy Tickner has now qualified for selection for the English Schools championships on March 16.

Oswestry School Preparatory Department is holding an open event on May 6 from 9.30am to 11.30am. For details call (01691) 655711 or visit www.oswestryschool.org.uk

Special service

A SERVICE will be held next month at a parish church near Oswestry to celebrate Women's World Day of Prayer. It will be held at West Felton Parish Church on March 1 from 7pm.

Highest-ever interest from youngsters in competition

ORGANISERS of a literary festival in a town in Shropshire have said a competition to win a chance to meet *War Horse* author Michael Morpurgo has sparked record entries.

More than 150 youngsters have entered the Dear Michael Morpurgo competition for the chance to meet the former Children's Laureate when he visits the Festival of the Word in Oswestry on March 10.

The competition, which is being run by the library and sponsored by Oswestry Rotary Club, closed at 6pm last Friday. Oswestry Library invited children in Key Stage 2 to write a short letter to the best-selling author, most famous for his global best-seller, *War Horse*, revealing which of his books is their favourite and explaining why.

Oswestry librarian Heather Rodenhurst said: "This has been the best response to a LitFest competition to date."

"The Michael Morpurgo event sold out in just a couple of weeks so competition amongst his fans to get their hands on a ticket is pretty fierce."

Winner

The competition winner will get to meet and chat to the author following his sell-out event at The Marches School and receive a £30 Booka book token.

Booka Bookshop tokens worth £20 and £10 have been provided by The Rotary Club for the second and third place runners-up respectively.

The fourth Festival of the Word in Oswestry will begin on March 9 and will take place over 11 days, featuring a star studded line up of writers, poets and performers. Topping the programme this year are literary giants Michael Morpurgo and Sir Andrew Motion.

For details visit www.oswestrylitfest.co.uk or on www.facebook.com/oswestrylitfest

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French connection for salons

At the college salon are Megan Mason, Benabow Gaby, Sharon Cooper, principal Andrew Tyley, Chloe Wildon, Michaela Owens, Castex Samdrine, Courreges Etuclie, Julie Cole and Rodrigues Maeva.

A GROUP of French hairdressing apprentices were in Oswestry for two weeks to enjoy workshops, work experience and visits to typically English places.

The enterprise and development department of Walford and North Shropshire College hosted the apprentices and their tutors from Tarbes south of Toulouse.

For their visit, which ran from February 9 to 23, they stayed at the Wynnstay Hotel

in Oswestry and worked in local salons, in placements secured by Walford training manager Martin Moreton and placement officer Julie Cole.

"Whilst in the workplace the apprentices were visited by their accompanying staff members who observed and assessed their work," Mr Moreton said. "This will then contribute to the apprenticeship qualification they will receive on their return."

Sessions on how to become a councillor

A PARISH council near Oswestry will be holding information events to encourage people in the area to become councillors.

In early March there will be a day and evening session for people interested in becoming councillors for Gobowen and Selattyn Parish Council.

All parish councils in Shropshire will be holding elections on May 2, at the same time as the Shropshire Council elections, and there will be 15 places up for grabs for residents in and around Gobowen and Selattyn area.

Penny O'Hagan, clerk to the parish council, said she is still organising dates and times for the sessions.

She said: "Parish councillors have a key role - we need local people to come forward."

Councillors are generally elected every four years. They are involved with decision making by attending meetings and committees, they also monitor the parish to make sure decisions have been carried out efficiently and effectively and keep an eye on how well things are working.

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For more information go to the www.shropshire.gov.uk and search "May elections 2013" at the top of the home page.

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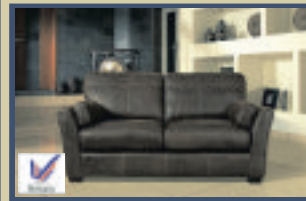
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Charming property in three acres is ripe for renovation

A substantial mature gentleman's residence requiring general modernisation is on the market with Parry Lowarch.

Landscape, Chapel Lane, Knockin Heath, near Oswestry, stands in gardens and grounds of about three acres, with a further adjoining paddock extending to 2.15 acres available by separate negotiation.

The property was built in the 1920s with later extensions in the 1950s and 1960s.

The extensive accommodation comprises an

entrance porch, reception hall with oak panelling, drawing room with open fireplace and French doors to the garden, dining room, snug/family room, and 28ft long kitchen/breakfast room which includes an Aga range and doors to a pantry and china cupboard.

There is also a boot room/utility, cloaks/wc, six bedrooms, family bathroom and separate wc.

Adjoining the property is a former doctor's surgery with its own external service door, giving scope for conversion to a granny annexe or

office, presently consisting of three former consulting rooms and a wc.

The property has the benefit of oil-fired central heating, cavity wall insulation and a good range of garaging, workshops and store rooms.

The gardens are particularly attractive, laid to large formal gardens to the rear with an orchard, substantial vegetable garden and adjoining small area of woodland to the front.

For further details contact Parry Lowarch on 01743 343343 or visit www.parrylowarch.co.uk



Detached barn comes with planning consent

An interesting development opportunity is on the market through Morris Marshall & Poole priced at £250,000.

Abbey Barn, Pool Quay, Welshpool, is a single storey barn with full planning consent for conversion to a five-bedroom residence. Set in about an acre of land, it occupies a superb location close to the Shropshire Union Canal, with views of the Breidden Hills and Long Mountain range.

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For further information contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595 or visit www.morrismarshall.co.uk



Split-level residence overlooks the village

Number 21 Pen-Y-Cae Avenue, in Gobowen, is a smartly appointed split-level house in an elevated yet private position overlooking the village.

The detached property is for sale through JJ Dell & Co priced at £210,000.

With gas central heating and double glazing, it has a reception hall, lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, utility, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, car parking and attractive patio garden.

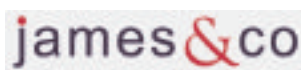
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£425,000

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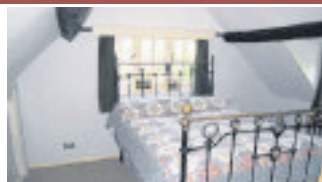
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- Period Village House, 4 Bedrooms,
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- Bathroom, utility/Study
- 30ft workshop, Gardens

£259,000



- Driveway with ample parking
- Viewing recommended.

OSWESTRY



- 3 bedroomed Barn Conversion
- Located on the fringe of the popular village of Whittington. Views over farm land, Gardens to front and rear, Two parking Spaces. Downstairs Shower Room, Study. Viewing recommended

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The Maltings
West Felton

£225,000



NEW - NO CHAIN



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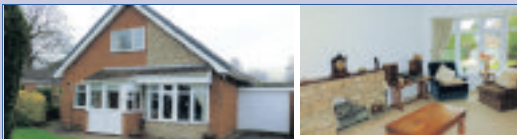


NEW - NO CHAIN

Croeswylan Cres
Oswestry

£169,950

- A well positioned and most comfortably appointed Detached Bungalow set in a most popular area just a short distance from the town centre and having open views over playing fields to the rear.
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£189,995

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- Kitchen, Living Room and Bathroom together with a Dining Room which alternatively could be used as a ground floor bedroom.
- On the first floor are two further spacious Bedrooms. Externally the property benefits from a good size garden, garaging and off-road parking.
- uPVC double glazing throughout, uPVC gutters and fascia boards and gas fired central heating. EPC Rating



NEW - NO CHAIN

Walford Road
Oswestry

£140,000

- A well positioned and comfortably appointed Detached Bungalow situated in an elevated location just off Monkmoor Road and convenient to all facilities within the town
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Johnstown

LOT 2 Guide Price
Over £70,000



AUCTION

- Semi-detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Double Glazing
- Gardens & Garage

WREXHAM
Coedpoeth

LOT 3 Guide Price
£30,000



AUCTION

- Unconverted Chapel
- Heart of village location
- Suitable for various alternative uses (subject to consent).

FLINT
Kelsterton

LOT 4 Guide Price
£60,000

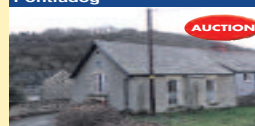


AUCTION

- Two Bedroom Cottage
- Two Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden
- Double Glazing
- EPC rating G

LLANGOLLEN
Pontfadog

LOT 5 Guide Price
Over £20,000 - £30,000



AUCTION

- Chapel situated within the village of Pontfadog.
- Scope for conversion to a number of different uses subject to the necessary planning consent being obtained.

LLANGOLLEN
Nantyr

LOT 6 Guide Price
£90,000 to £100,000



AUCTION

- Stone built barn for Conversion
- Full Planning Permission for 3 bedroom property
- Gardens ext to approx 0.24 ac
- Elevated rural position
- Outstanding views over Ceiriog Valley
- Additional Land available by separate negotiation

SHREWSBURY
Ruyton XI Towns

LOT 7 Guide Price
Over £100,000



AUCTION

- Spacious Mid-Terrace House
- Entrance Hall/Study
- Sitting Room, Cellarage
- Dining Room, Kitchen,
- 4 Beds, Family Bathroom,
- Large Landing Sitting Room,
- Rear Garden, Parking
- EPC Rating E

LLANGOLLEN
Nantyr

LOT 8 Guide Price
Over £100,000



AUCTION

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- Elevated position overlooking Village
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- Conservatory
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PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
EPC RATING E
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2 RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING D
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2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING F
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2 RECEPTION ROOMS
DOUBLE GLAZING
EPC RATING C
OIRO £194,995



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NO CHAIN
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
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5/6 BED DET HOUSE
3 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING D
DOWNSTAIRS SHOWER ROOM
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NO CHAIN
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EPC RATING D
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2 RECEPTION ROOMS
DOWNSTAIRS W.C
EPC RATING C
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PERIOD FEATURES
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NO CHAIN
RECENTLY MODERNISED
EPC RATING D
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Summerfield Close, Oswestry



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Offers in Region of £129,950

Four Crosses, Powys



„WITH DELIGHTFUL VIEWS TO REAR.. Enjoying a pleasant village location, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to introduce this modern deceptively spacious 3 bedroom detached family house to the market which enjoys delightful countryside views to the rear elevation. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room with feature fireplace, Kitchen/Dining Room, Utility, First Floor Landing, Three Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom with separate shower cubicle, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off-road parking/turning, Garage and Gardens. Internal Viewing Fully Recommended.

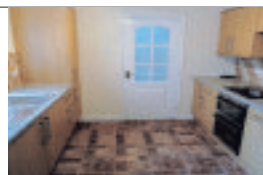
Offers in Region of £219,950



Derwen Green, Four Crosses

„TASTEFULLY IMPROVED ACCOMMODATION.. Enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location, 3 bedroom link detached bungalow which has the benefit of being sold with NO ONWARD CHAIN. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Hallway, Living Room, Re-Fitted Kitchen/Dining Room, Three Double Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, Garage with WC, Gardens to front, side and rear. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £204,000



Llanforda Mead, Oswestry

„HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION.. Enjoying a highly sought after location, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this most comfortably appointed 3 bedroom detached bungalow to the market which briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, Garage, Summerhouse and neatly landscaped Gardens. The property has the benefit of being sold with NO ONWARD CHAIN. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £225,000



Aston Way, Oswestry

Extended 4 bed semi which benefits from an attractive Kitchen/Breakfast Room and Conservatory with Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off-road parking and Garden to Rear. NO CHAIN.

Offers Over £152,000



Milars Field, Oswestry

A five bedroom executive detached house (Former Show-Home) Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Master Bedroom with Dressing Area and En-Suite, Guest Bedroom with En-Suite, and three further bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Fired CH, PVC DG, Double width driveway, Double Garage and Gardens.

Offers Over £245,000



S.S.T.C

Southgate Close, Oswestry

Tastefully improved by the present owners to include re-fitted Kitchen and Conservatory Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to introduce this most well appointed modern 3 bedroom semi detached house to the market. The property enjoys a pleasant end cul-de-sac location within this popular residential locality and is conveniently placed for local amenities and transport links. MUST SEE PROPERTY.

Offers in Region of £142,500



Longfield, Chirk

„FOR SALE WITH NO CHAIN.. 3 bedroom mid terraced dwelling house which benefits from off road parking, a conservatory and re-fitted kitchen. Double Glazing, Oil Fired Central Heating, Driveway and Gardens. Viewing Fully Recommended

Offers in Region of £115,000



Duke Street, Chirk

Enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location, Richmond Harvey Properties are pleased to release this most comfortably appointed 3 bedroom mid-terrace property to the market which has the benefit of being sold with no chain. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Rear Lobby, Cloakroom and Utility, First floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom, Driveway providing off-street parking and Gardens to Front and Rear. **IDEAL FIRST TIME BUYER OR INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY. NO CHAIN.**

Offers in Region of £104,950



Llys Place, Oswestry

Occupying a private cul-de-sac position, a most comfortably appointed 2 bedroom semi detached bungalow which briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen, Sunroom, Inner Hall, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, PVC Double Glazing where stated, Gas Central Heating, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, Attached Garage and Gardens to front and rear. NO CHAIN.

Offers in Region of £122,450



St Martins Road, Gobowen

Richmond Harvey Properties are pleased to release this spacious 3 bedroom mature detached property to the market which is conveniently placed for local village amenities and transport links including railway station. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloak, Lounge, Dining Room, Walk In Pantry, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway providing extensive parking, Timber Framed Garage and Attractive Gardens.

Offers in Region of £137,500



Campbell Close, Oswestry

A 3 bed det. family house which benefits from a Garage, Carport and Conservatory. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, Conservatory, First Floor Landing, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Majority PVC Double Glazing, Driveway and Further Gravel Area suitable for caravan/boot storage. Neatly landscaped gardens to front, side and rear. **VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED.**

Offers in Region of £169,950



Trefflach, Nr Oswestry

2 double bedroom detached bungalow which enjoys a pleasant edge of village location. The property briefly comprises: Spacious L shaped Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Side Lobby, WC, Oil Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing where stated, Driveway, Garage. Internal Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £219,950



Fitzgwarne Drive, Whittington

4 bedroom detached family house which offers well proportioned accommodation to include: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom, Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing where stated, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway, Garage and Most Attractively Landscaped Gardens. **MUST BE SEEN.**

Offers in Region of £219,995



Trefflach, Nr Oswestry

Tastefully improved by the current owners Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this character 3 bedroom detached cottage to the market which enjoys a lovely village location with enviable garden and delightful countryside views. The property briefly comprises: Living Room with feature logbook fireplace, Refitted Kitchen/Dining Room, Sitting Room, Utility, Cloakroom, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing where stated and Extensive Parking. **Early Viewing Recommended.**

Offers in Region of £230,000



Greenhill Bank, Criffins

A spacious and most comfortably appointed 3 bedroom detached house to the market which enjoys a delightful rear position conveniently placed for Barmers, St Martins and Oswestry. The property briefly comprises: Porch, Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, Utility, Ground Floor WC, First Floor Landing, Rear Bedroom, Family Bathroom and Built in Shower Cubicle, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, Car Port and Gardens to front and rear. **VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED.**

Offers in Region of £237,000



Pool Quay

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Price Guide £285,000



Dove Court, Baschurch

„READY FOR OCCUPATION.. New build four bed detached family house with Gas Fired Central Heating and Double Glazing, Driveway, Single Garage and Gardens. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Asking Price £299,000



Upper Lord Street, Oswestry

Conveniently placed for local town amenities a well appointed 2 bedroom end terrace town house to the market which briefly comprises: Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Shower Room, Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Enclosed Yard to Rear. **NO CHAIN. Early viewing recommended.**

Offers in Region of £94,950



Coppice Drive, Oswestry

3 bed mature semi detached house which is situated near to Old Oswestry Hill Fort. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, PVC Double Glazing where stated, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway providing ample off-road parking and generous rear garden. **VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED.**

Offers in region of £129,950



Powys Place, Oswestry

A two bedroom mid terraced town house which is convenient for local town centre amenities and benefits from a useful attic room (presently utilised as a third bedroom) together with rear garden. The property also comprises: Living Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, Ground Floor Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating and PVC double glazing where stated. Viewing fully recommended by the owners agents.

Offers in Region of £105,000



Birch Grove, Ruyton-XI-Towns

Richmond Harvey Properties are pleased to release this spacious 3 bedroom first floor flat to the market which enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location and briefly comprises: Lounge with open fire, Kitchen/Dining Room, Three Bedrooms, Attractive Re-Fitted Bathroom, PVC Double Glazing where stated and Generous Rear Garden. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £109,995



Fernhill Lane, Gobowen

A two bedroom semi detached bungalow which enjoys a pleasant location and briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample parking and enviable size garden to rear.

Offers in Region of £110,000

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- Off Road Parking



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- Conservatory

£125,000

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- Semi-Detached Cottage
- One Bedroom
- Oil Central Heating



- uPVC Double Glazing
- Many Original Features
- Ample Off Road Parking

£115,000

FOUR CROSSES



- Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Ample Parking
- Conservatory & Utility
- Three Reception Rooms
- En-suite & Bathroom

£175,000

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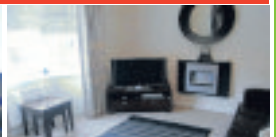
- Modern Detached House
- Extended to the Rear
- Sought After Location
- Three Bedrooms
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- Gas C.H. / Upvc D. Glazing

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PANT



- Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Spacious Accommodation
- Two Reception Rooms



- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & W.C.
- Quiet Cul de Sac Location

£179,950

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- Detached Bungalow
- Walking distance to town
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage and Parking
- Sought after location
- Gas Central Heating

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OSWESTRY



- Extended Semi-Detached
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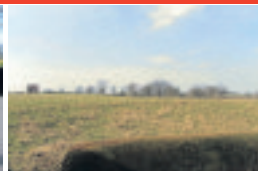
- Workshops and Parking
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- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Conservatory



- Cul de Sac Location
- Gas C.H. / Double Glazing
- Views over Fields

£225,000

CHIRK



- Modern Detached House
- Three beds (formerly 4)
- Contemporary Interior
- Gas C.H. / Upvc D.G.
- Garage and Driveway
- Conservatory & Utility

£199,950

PANT



- Detached Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- Upvc Double Glazing
- Oil Fired Central Heating
- Two Reception Rooms

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OSWESTRY



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- Gas Central Heating
- Courtyard To Rear
- Close To Town Centre
- Recently Redecorated

£450 PCM

OSWESTRY



- Ground Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Off Road Parking
- Intergrated Appliances
- Available end of March!

£475 PCM

WESTON RHYN



- Two Bedrooms
- Village Location
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Street Parking
- Rear Garden
- Available March

£475 PCM

OSWESTRY



- Mid Terrace Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Upvc Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking To Rear
- Convenient Town Location

£475 PCM

OSWESTRY



- Semi-Detached House
- Two Bedrooms
- Available Immediately
- Well Maintained
- Ample Off Road Parking
- No Pets/DHSS/Smokers

£495 PCM

CHIRK



- Semi-Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Updated Kitchen
- uPVC Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Good Sized Rear Garden

£525 PCM

OSWESTRY



- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage and Driveway
- Popular Location
- Two Reception Rooms
- Available March

£600 PCM

OSWESTRY



£625 PCM

- Extended Semi-Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Garage and Parking
- South facing garden
- Well presented

OSWESTRY



£650 PCM

- Four Bed Detached Home
- Garage & Parking
- Ensuite, W.C. & Utility
- No Pets/Smokers/DHSS
- Available Soon
- Double Glazing

TREFLACH



- Available End of November
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Well Maintained

£650 PCM



- Sought After Location
- Ample Parking & Garage
- No Pets or Smokers

KNOCKIN HEATH



- Available Immediately
- Detached House
- Three Spacious Bedrooms
- Snug/Fourth Bedroom
- Rural Location
- Oil Central Heating

£650 PCM

OSWESTRY



£750 PCM

- Four bedrooms
- Detached house
- Modern interior
- Double garage
- Off road parking
- Sought after location

MAESBURY MARSH



- Four bedrooms
- Detached bungalow
- Off road parking
- Garage
- Conservatory
- Sought after location

£750 PCM

GOBOWEN



£850 PCM

- Modern Detached Home
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Knockin Heath, Oswestry

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Guide Price: £595,000

3061



Llandrinio, Llanymynech

An individually designed detached family house set in good sized gardens with adjoining two acre paddock (further land available by separate negotiation), having indoor swimming pool set in separate detached block with adjoining offices and integral single garage. It also has a further attached double garage, oil CH, and PVC DG. Hall, sitting room, dining room, family room/study, large sun room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, four double bedrooms, two en-suite shower rooms, family bathroom. Conveniently situated on the outskirts of the village and within easy travelling distance of Oswestry, Shrewsbury and Welshpool. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £525,000

3078



Llanyblodwel, Oswestry

A detached Grade II Listed country property, which has been renovated over recent years retaining the character and features of the original building. Entrance hall with cloakroom, sitting room having the original stone fire surround, dining room, living room, kitchen, utility room, gallery landing, master bedroom, guest bathroom, second floor spacious bedroom/games/office area. Outside there is an independent office/library. Gardens to the front and rear, ample parking, garage. EPC Band: G. For further information contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £450,000

2858



Llangedwyn, Oswestry

An attractive and extremely spacious, detached barn conversion, with uPVC DG, electric storage heating, wood burner, double garage, gardens and small paddock amounting in all to over one acre or thereabouts. Entrance hall, main reception hall, living room, dining room, cloakroom, large farmhouse style kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, large landing, four good bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family shower room. Occupying a delightful rural position set in the middle of its garden grounds, enjoying superb country views over the surrounding fields and beyond. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £449,950

2744



Weston Lullingfields

A deceptively spacious detached quality residence, set in large gardens and adjoining paddock extending to approx two acres or thereabouts, with purpose built stable block. Reception hall, through sitting room, dining room, study, large recently re-fitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, downstairs cloakroom, a master bedroom suite with dressing room and en-suite shower room, three further bedrooms and luxury family bathroom with spa bath and large walk-in shower. Wood effect PVC DG, oil fired CH, large detached double garage with hobby/activity room over. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £449,950

3030



Llansantffraid

A detached property which has been totally re-designed and refurbished to make a spacious family home or as a small luxury B&B which is what it is currently being utilised for. Reception hall, feature central hallway, sitting room, conservatory, large dining room, study suite, small gym, kitchen/breakfast room, family room, laundry room, downstairs bedroom with en-suite shower room, mezzanine landing/sitting area, three double bedrooms with en-suite bathroom/shower rooms. PVC DG, propane gas CH, triple carport, easily maintained gardens, ample parking. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £425,000

2991



Edgerley, Oswestry

A charming, Grade II Listed detached period cottage with self contained annexe/garage block. Hall, living room, dining room, family/games room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, WC, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Parking, gardens extending to approx 0.6 acre including greenhouse and polytunnel. Occupying a pleasant rural location in the hamlet of Edgerley, about 12 miles from Shrewsbury and Oswestry. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £359,950

2717



Berriew, Powys

An extremely spacious detached house, with oil CH, mainly tiled unit DG, parking for several vehicles, landscaped gardens. Occupying a pleasant position close to the centre of Berriew with a variety of amenities, being about five miles from Welshpool. Hall, magnificent living room with gallery landing above, large dining room, snug/family room, kitchen, utility area, breakfast area, conservatory, recently fitted luxurious bath/shower room, gallery landing, master bedroom, large en-suite shower room, three further bedrooms, separate WC. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £355,000

2891



Crickheath, Oswestry

A charming detached country property with attractive garden and grounds set along the disused Montgomery Canal. Hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen breakfast room, back kitchen/utility, boot room, four double bedrooms, single bedroom/study, family bathroom, unfitted shower room. Three bay barn and store, small grass turnout paddock, garden store, ample parking. Occupying a tranquil position in this rural hamlet. EPC Band: E. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £299,000

2903



Haughton, Llandrinio

A four bedroom detached property offering good sized accommodation, having oil CH and pleasant rural outlooks to the rear. Entrance hall, sitting room with inglenook fireplace, dining room with inglenook fireplace, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, downstairs cloakroom, three good sized double bedrooms and one large single bedroom, and family bathroom. Situated with adjoining paddock extending to approximately 3.75 acres or thereabouts. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £350,000

1962



Meifod, Powys

An extremely spacious detached house, with oil CH, uPVC DG, large double garaging, ample parking, gardens with balcony style patio enjoying wonderful elevated views. Hallway, large living room, kitchen/dining room, uPVC conservatory, three good sized bedrooms, bathroom. On the lower level is a utility room, shower room with WC, three other rooms which currently comprise: bedroom, study and store room but this level could be converted subject to necessary consents into separate annexe. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £275,000

3003



Maesbrook, Oswestry

A spacious, mature property, retaining many of the original features and offering extensive accommodation comprising: entrance porch, large sitting room, dining room, family room/study, kitchen/breakfast room, rear porch, four bedrooms, family bathroom. Set in private and secluded good sized gardens. Extensive parking to the front with further parking area, stone and timber constructed garage to the rear with adjoining workshop. Oil CH, some wood framed DG, with good sized gardens to the rear. EPC Band: F

Guide Price: £269,500

2667



Maes y Granllyn, Guilsfield

From the front the property it appears to be an ordinary though obviously well maintained detached bungalow, however on entering it is much bigger than it would appear. It also has incredible gardens to the rear with elevated overlooks over a nature reserve and wildlife pool. Hall, sitting room, kitchen, dining room, conservatory, utility room, study/bedroom 3, store room, two good sized double bedrooms, shower room. Gas CH, mainly PVC wood effect DG, parking and carport. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £189,950

2850



Four Crosses, Llanymynech

A large detached modern property, set in easily maintained gardens, offering spacious accommodation comprising: large through entrance hall, sitting room, large conservatory, dining room, eat in kitchen, utility room, downstairs WC, three double bedrooms, en-suite bathroom and family bathroom with separate shower. Oil CH, open fronted carport and easily positioned for local amenities and the towns of Shrewsbury, Oswestry and Welshpool. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £175,000

2768



Foxen Manor, Four Crosses

An extremely spacious semi detached property offering affordable family accommodation comprising: entrance porch, sitting room, dining room, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, good sized utility with cloaks, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, three further good size bedrooms, family bathroom. Electric heating, DG - some of which is wood effect PVC, small integral garage, and private enclosed gardens to rear. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £167,500

2643



Parc Caradog, Trewern

An attractive, modern, two bedroom detached bungalow having oil CH, DG, ample parking, double garage, and gardens. The property occupies a pleasant position in this popular residential locality, only about four miles from Welshpool and 14 miles from Shrewsbury. Entrance hall, reception hall, cloakroom, living room, kitchen/dining room, two bedrooms, and bathroom. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £149,950

3059



Pant, Oswestry

An interesting development site with Detailed Planning Permission for the demolition of the existing bungalow and replacing it with four luxury detached houses. The site extends to approximately 2.5 acres (or thereabouts), including an adjoining dike.

Guide Price: £365,000

2966



Bwlch-Y-Cibau, Llanfyllin

A development site extending to approx 0.6 acres with DPP for two 4/5 bedroom detached houses, one 4 bedroom detached house and one 3 bedroom dormer style detached house. Two of the resulting houses have gardens running down to Colwyn Brook. Planning no: P/2012/0047 Powys County Council. For further details, please contact Agents.

Guide Price: Offers over £300,000

3087



Churchstoke

Two individual building plots with DPP for two detached properties. The plots will be sold with the benefit of adjoining paddocks extending to approx 0.9 acre. The approximate size of the plots themselves are as follows: Plot 1 is 564 square metres. Plot 2 is 350 square metres. The plots occupy a lovely position on the outskirts of the village which has very good local amenities. The vendors would prefer to sell the two plots as a pair however, they may consider splitting them, contact Agents for further details.

Guide Price: £189,950

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Students perform show for hundreds

STUDENTS from a school in Oswestry have entertained hundreds of people with their rendition of the vibrant musical Little Shop of Horrors.

Pupils at The Marches School performed to family, friends, members of the local community and more than 250 primary school pupils.

School spokeswoman Amy Gregory said: "This remarkable performance entertained and amused people in equal measure."

"The performance - narrated by four female performers Kira Scott, Leila Brown, Molly Birch and Ellie-May Jones - saw Year 10 student Ryan Maddocks taking the role as Seymour, a poor young man living in an urban skid row."

"Along with fellow co-worker Audrey, a dual-cast role played by Emily Roberts and Elan Roberts, he dreamed of a life away from the urban grime and the audience watched as their relationship developed, under the watchful eye of a man-eating plant."

"From crazy dentists, to grumpy flower shop owners, this flamboyant performance showcased the outstanding, charismatic talent at The Marches School."

Thirty students from across all year groups took part in the musical.

Music trophy awarded to mark memories of Matthew

by Graham Breeze

THE MEMORY of a talented St Martins teenager who died suddenly while on a summer activity course will live on through a new trophy at Oswestry Youth Music Festival, organisers have revealed.

Matthew Dewhirst played and performed at the youth music festival and had been planning to play a classical guitar piece for this year's musical showcase.

But the 17-year-old died last July from Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome while on a training course at Ellesmere College.

His memory will now live on after college staff and Matthew's family arranged for a festival trophy called The Matt Dewhirst Cup.

The cup will go to the best youth choir aged 21 and under. His mother Sue said: "He really enjoyed performing at the festival and was planning to play this year."

"He had been practising a classical guitar piece."

"In the past he had played saxophone, clarinet and piano at the festival."

He also appeared in the Ellesmere College choir and the college's scholars' ensemble.

Mrs Dewhirst said the family's campaign to increase awareness of Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome



Matthew Dewhirst

was continuing.

One of the campaign's aims is to have screening for heart problems more widely available. The aim is to offer the screening through schools and sports clubs to ensure apparently fit and healthy young people don't suddenly die while exercising.

The Matt Dewhirst Cup is one of 12 new trophies up for grabs at Oswestry Youth Music Festival.

The town's mayor Martin Bennett said: "We are very grateful to all those who have offered these trophies as they inspire and encourage young people to develop their musical talents."



Sue Turner, event organiser, Councillor Bennett, chairman, Debbie Ellitt and Christine Hughes who have both donated new trophies.

Work to begin on arts site upgrade

CONTRACTORS have moved in to the Oswestry campus of Walford and North Shropshire College to start work on a major upgrade of its arts department as part of a multi-million pound investment programme.

The improvements to the arts college follows on from the revamp of sports facilities at the Oswestry campus and a £3.2 million investment plan in its campus at Walford, near Shrewsbury.

The plans for the art department involve the relocation and renewal of the existing dark room along with demolition of a range of internal walls to create an additional multi-purpose teaching area for courses in art A level, photography and art foundation.

The work on the art department as well as the creation of a further sports training pitch at the Oswestry campus represents a £200,000 investment in college facilities, principal Andrew Tyley, has said.

Mr Tyley said: "This latest upgrade will complete the work we started in 2008 and increase by almost a third the availability of high quality teaching space for our successful art department."

The work on the arts upgrade is due to be completed by May and the area is out of bounds until then.

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MP helps launch band competition

MONTGOMERYSHIRE MP Glyn Davies has joined fellow MPs in launching Parliament's third annual Rock the House competition, which aims to find a top new band.

The contest was originally set up to raise awareness of intellectual property rights and live music issues among MPs.

The competition caters for two age groups – one for musicians over the age of 19 and another for musicians under 19.

Mr Davies said: "I encourage any soloist, vocalist, or band in Montgomeryshire to enter the Rock the House competition."

To enter visit www.rockthehousehoc.com

Holiday places offer from club

OSWESTRY Senior Citizens Club members are off to the Isle of Wight for a five-night break and there are still places left on the trip.

There are two double/twin rooms left for the holiday to The Ocean Hotel departing June 1. The cost is £260 per person to include two outings.

This holiday is open to members and non-members but these last rooms are on a first come first served basis. Please call Gareth on 654130 for more information.

Governors refuse to heed calls for traffic-free route

GOVERNORS at Oswestry's secondary school have declined to back a call to create a traffic-free route from the town to the neighbouring village of Gobowen.

Governors at every secondary school in the area except The Marches School have voiced support for Nigel Thomas's campaign for a path between Gobowen and Oswestry alongside the disused Cambrian railway line.

It would be suitable for walkers, mobility scooter users and cyclists. Major businesses in and around the town including the orthopaedic hospital also say they support his plan.

by Graham Breeze

Virgin will talk about city link

VIRGIN Trains says it is still open to discussions over its decision not to restore a direct rail link from the Oswestry area to London.

The company is looking to introduce a direct service from Shrewsbury to London later this year but has confirmed the link will not go as far as Gobowen, Oswestry's nearest train station.

Gobowen station was well used by people from Oswestry and the surrounding area when the Wrexham Shropshire Marylebone Railway company ran a direct service to the capital until it closed in 2011.

Civic leaders say the lost Gobowen link could affect Oswestry's economic recovery and have called for the rail company to look again at its plans.

A Virgin Trains spokesman said: "Nothing has been agreed on the Shropshire link although we are looking to go from Shrewsbury. We are always open to discussions."

But Mr Thomas says he feels let down by governors at the Marches School after only a handful replied to his plea.

He asked the governing body of The Marches School in September to add their voices to the campaign but was initially told his request lacked enough substance for the governors to give if formal consideration.

After a second request, Mr Thomas was told it was not in the governors' normal terms of reference and they preferred individual governors should make their own decisions and respond individually.

Last month Mr Thomas delivered 18 stamped addressed letters to the school for the individual councillors to reply to. But so far he has only received three responses.

He said: "I am frustrated and disappointed that the majority of the governors have not even replied to my letter. I just want to know if they will support me."

"If they say no I would like to know their reasons. The three governors who have written back to me say they do support the project and I am grateful to them."

"With messages of support from Oswestry School, St Martins School, Moreton School and Walford & North Shropshire College it is difficult to understand why."

Marches School governing body chairman Arthur Walpole said: "I did put it on the agenda for a governors' meeting but I recommended the most appropriate thing was to allow him to correspond directly."

Pharmacist's heart health plea



Pharmacist John Gentle with a heart monitor. Picture: Ian Sheppard.

AN OSWESTRY pharmacy is joining in with National Heart Month by urging people to keep healthy.

British Heart Foundation is supporting the national initiative throughout February to help raise funds to support its life-saving work and raise awareness.

John Gentle, the superintendent pharmacist at The Pharmacy at Caxton in Oswestry said it was important that people looked after themselves to help keep their heart healthy.

He has given people a number of key points to follow to try to avoid coronary heart disease.

Mr Gentle, who is based off Oswald Road next to the Caxton Surgery, said: "National Heart Month is a way of raising awareness of how important it is to keep your heart healthy and to prevent future problems."

"It is really important for people to be aware of how important it is that they should think of their health and fitness. Having a healthy diet, which is well balanced, is one of the important factors."

Farm will host seed swap day for public

GARDENERS will be swapping Lazy Housewives for Polish Purple Stringless on a farm near Oswestry this weekend.

The aim of the Seedy Sunday event is to help preserve heritage seeds for future generations.

The event will be held on Sunday at Treflach Farm, a small Community Centred Farm running projects aimed at increasing access to the land.

It will run from 11am until 3pm.

Ian Steele from Treflach Farm said: "Seedy Sunday offers people a fun and practical way to grow fruit, vegetables and herb varieties that are not commonly available whilst helping to support a vibrant local food growing culture."

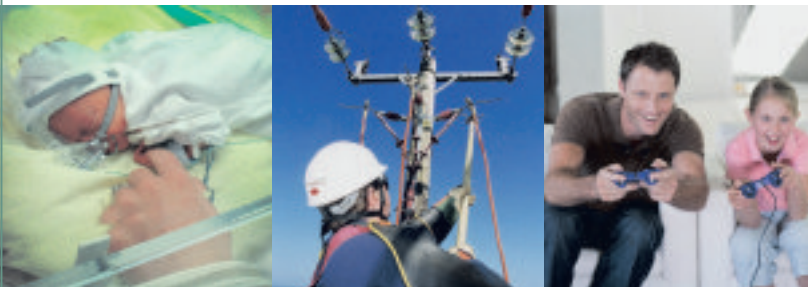
"On Sunday the farm will be buzzing with the sound of people swapping seeds and plants, maybe a Lazy Housewife for a Polish Purple Stringless – both dwarf French bean varieties – or Mrs Taylor's Yellow Pear – a tasty tomato. There are plenty more besides."

There will also be refreshments available, including delicious pies made on the farm.

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Chamber shocked by lack of interest

IT WAS, perhaps, a surprise to hear at the last Chamber of Commerce meeting that only 40 local businesses had responded to the Oswestry 2020 consultation on the future needs of the town.

I have some sympathy for the planners but unless this is remedied in the next couple of weeks it will be very difficult for those in power to take planning decisions with any certainty that they reflect the wants and needs of the local business community.

If this consultation is as important to our future as our local politicians say it is, then both sides, ie those in authority and local business leaders, need to make even greater efforts to talk with each other and better understand the real issues that affect local businesses.

The Chamber will be talking about 'Motivating Oswestry's Non-networked Business Community' at its March 6 meeting at the Wynnstay Hotel.

On a more positive note, the Chamber are delighted to be supporting the Chronicle Business Awards again, and I would urge all local businesses, large and small, to enter.

It is easy to enter and there is an important new category for 'Independent Retailer of the Year'.

Martin Anderson
Chairman

Family-run opticians reaches 30th anniversary milestone

OSWESTRY'S longest practicing optometrist is celebrating 30 successful years as an independent family-run business.

S R Drinnan Opticians reached the 30 year milestone in December and remains one of the longest running, independent businesses in Oswestry.

Practice owner Stephen Drinnan took over the Willow Street practice in 1982 having already established a practice in Llangollen; he later opened a branch in Ellesmere in 1990.

Stephen is the longest serving optometrist in the area and has witnessed a number of changes to businesses in and around Oswestry, but no more so than at his own practice.

by Graham Breeze

Firm launches its new website



Fiona and Patrick Barnes.

MOGHILL Web Services is celebrating the launch of its new website.

The company, which builds websites for small businesses in Oswestry, Shropshire and beyond, is run by husband and wife team Patrick and Fiona Barnes.

The new website uses responsive design, which means it can be viewed just as easily on a mobile phone as on a desktop computer, laptop or tablet computer.

The new website can be seen at www.moghill.co.uk



Colin Wyatt, Sian Joesbury and Steve Drinnan.

NEWS

in brief

Legal experts to hold stress clinic

DEALING with the issues surrounding stress related absence will be the focus of Lanyon Bowdler's next free Employment Law Seminar in Oswestry.

In addition, there will be the usual, comprehensive employment law update on Thursday, March 21 from 9am at the Lion Quays Waterside Resort in Oswestry.

Partner and employment law specialist John Merry said: "Feedback from previous events has suggested that attendees would welcome advice on how to approach stress related absence, and we are sure employers will find the guidance on offer very instructive."

To book a place, contact rachel.donaghey@lblaw.co.uk or 01743 280281.

Risky business is explored by Paul

TAKING risks is an important part of being in business, but it is how those risks are managed that separates the successful from the not, according to fraud investigator Paul Wiseman.

"I define risk as an uncertainty of outcome - there are negative and positive sides, and it is how we manage these uncertainties that determine our success," he said.

"Measures must be put in place to reduce threat but also take advantage of opportunities risks provide."

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NEWS

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Rummage sale will help dog rescuers

A RUMMAGE sale will be held in Oswestry to help raise cash for charity.

Greyhound Rescue Shropshire & Borders group is holding the event to raise funds on March 9.

It will take place from 10am until 2pm at the Memorial Hall, in Smithfield Street.

There will be a raffle, refreshments, homemade cakes and bric-a-brac.

Greyhound Rescue Shropshire & Borders is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of greyhounds and lurchers.

It works as a branch of the Retired Greyhound Trust. As well as rehoming dogs the group members also work to raise awareness of the plight of ex-racing greyhounds in particular.

The average age of retirement is three-four years old.

For further information about the group telephone (01743) 872395 or visit <http://shropshire.retiredgreyhounds.co.uk>

Writing course

BUILDING writers are invited to join journalist and author Alison Baverstock for a How To Get Published and Creative Writing Workshop at The Walls Restaurant, Oswestry, on March 13 from 2pm to 5pm. Tickets cost £25, call (01691) 662244.

Schools honoured for their lessons about global issues

TWO Oswestry primary schools have been awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of their work to raise awareness of global issues among pupils.

Holy Trinity and The Meadows primary schools, both based in Oswestry, have been given the badge of honour for outstanding work in international education, such as through links with partner schools overseas.

Both have worked closely together to forge strong links with schools in Sri Lanka through the British Council's Connecting Classrooms Project.

by **Graham Breeze**

Patients unite against hotline

PATIENTS are being asked to unite against plans to introduce a new out-of-hours health hotline.

The call to people in Oswestry follows doctors' fears the shake-up could see the vulnerable missing out on vital care.

Every GP in Oswestry has criticised the introduction of the new NHS 111 hotline, fearing it won't be as effective as the current Shropdoc service.

Members of Plas Ffynnon Medical Centre patients' group will meet on February 21 to discuss plans for all similar groups in the town to unite over the issue.

Paul Milner, chairman of the Plas Ffynnon patients' group, said: "The plan is on the agenda and I am pretty sure we will take it forward. Every GP in Oswestry is worried about this so every patients' group should also be worried."

He added: "Uniting the groups is a better way forward than all of us going off and doing separate things."

Visiting teachers have shared their experiences of life in Sri Lankan schools and joint projects have taken place comparing life in the UK with that in Sri Lanka. A number of teachers from the two schools in Oswestry also travelled out to spend time in Sri Lanka as part of the project.

John Rolfe from the British Council said: "The schools' fantastic international work is not only giving the young people a better understanding of the world around them, but it's really making a difference to their future prospects too."

Skills

"Employers are telling us that international skills are just as important as exam results – so everything the school is doing is vital preparation for life in a global society and work in a global economy. 2012 was a big year for the UK on the world's stage, and the schools deserve gold medals each for all their outstanding commitment to a range of fantastic international work."

Nick Turner, headteacher of Holy Trinity, said: "I am delighted that both schools have gained this award. This shows what can be achieved when local schools work together in partnership."

Karen Morris, headteacher of The Meadows, added: "The three-year long Connecting Classrooms project, which saw our teachers visiting a Sri Lankan school and Sri Lankan teachers visiting Oswestry schools, was a truly enriching experience."

Osfest to boost cancer centre



Event director for Osfest Carly Jackson with MacMillan clinical nurse specialist sister Jane Evans.

A STAR-studded music festival in Shropshire will be holding promotional days from next month at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital to help raise cash for charity.

Osfest – Break for the Border will be on May 24-27 at Oswestry Showground, in Park Hall, with headliners JLS, Lawson, James Arthur, The Enemy and Wiley.

This year the four-day event has partnered with the £500,000 appeal to help fund a £2 million Bone Cancer Centre at The

Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

The new centre will be designed to treat cancer patients in a dedicated care environment, the majority being under 24.

Tickets will be sold in the main entrance of the hospital between noon and 2pm on March 14 and then April 4 and May 2 with £5 from each promotional day ticket sale will go to the appeal. Day tickets are £34.50 and weekend tickets start from £65.

Recording facility on offer for musicians

THREE days of free studio time will be given away as a top prize in a competition being run in Oswestry.

The recently opened youth facility The Centre, in Oak Street, contains the brand new Fusion Arts Oswestry recording studio with brand new equipment.

A competition has been launched for musicians to be in with a chance of securing free studio time there.

Jay Moore, chairman of Fusion Arts Oswestry, said: "The competition will be running until the end of next month."

"It is open to people from the whole of Shropshire."

"The studio is a very new and fantastic facility. It has state of the art equipment. It is a proper studio."

To enter the competition people have to visit the internet social networking site Facebook and 'like' the Fusion Arts page, then share the post and nominate the band they would like to see win.

Mr Moore said the studio was already being used well in The Centre. He said that youngsters in the area have been taking part in lessons on how to use the equipment.

Fusion Arts can be found on facebook at www.facebook.com/FusionArtsOswestry

The closing date for the competition is March 31.

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FEATURE & NEWS

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Computer classes to aid area's jobseekers

HELP is at hand for those struggling to find work in a village near Oswestry.

A new project has been set up to teach computer skills in the former mining villages of Weston Rhyn, St Martins and Gobowen.

David Boyce, of the 3 Parishes Big Local, applied for funding from the Shropshire Council local joint committee.

On Monday the first IT session will be held at the Weston Rhyn Institute, from noon until 2pm.

Mr Boyce, said: "Shropshire Council's local joint committee allocated a grant of £600 to put a package of help together.

"Increasingly people have to go online to look for jobs, to build up their CVs and to fill in application forms."

"That is all well and good for those used to office-based work but people in other trades may not have the skills, or even a computer, to help them to do this."

"The idea is to organise sessions in community building to give people the chance to use computers and to learn the skills that they need."

Anyone interested in taking part in the IT sessions at Weston Rhyn should contact Mr Boyce on 07749 786544.

Early birds do get shots for TV programme

'NEVER work with children or animals' they say. Perhaps I was therefore a little apprehensive of what we may, or more to the point, may not, find when I turned up a little after dawn for the latest of the County Channel's *Wild About Shropshire* film shoots. No children to speak of, but with any luck, animals aplenty. But how would they behave?

It's well-known that animals can be unpredictable. By this I don't mean dangerous, I simply mean one cannot predict what one will see at a given place and time and a guarantee is out of the question. That's a great pity because when you turn up to film a species, you're really rather banking on actually seeing it!

However I needn't have worried. Why? Because as I stamped my feet and blew into my gloveless hands, I was leaving my car and heading down to Venus Pool, THE premier wetland wildlife site in the entire county. There was bound to be something happening. I was also in the presence of two of the county's finest cameramen, Geoff Ward and Tony Lewis, and if that wasn't enough, we were to be joined by expert birder and brilliant photographer, Jim Almond.

Generally speaking, as the sun rises in the sky, it is supposed to warm up. Sadly on this day, the reverse seemed true. Be that as it may, the beauty of Venus Pool is that the Shropshire Ornithological Society has installed various hides around the site, which at least raise the temperature by a degree or so. Most importantly though, the wildlife didn't seem to mind a bit.

ON THE WILD SIDE with Ben Waddams



And indeed the scene was magical. Had there been a whiff of wood-smoke in the air, I may have mistaken the orange glows on the water's surface for a grand and tempestuous fiery inferno, yet none was smelled and a glance up into the sky showed a beautiful dawn of crimsons. The shots of the dawn colour alone were enough to merit a dedicated film, yet we were here to see some of the birds – not just any birds, but winter migrants.

Scanned

As Jim and the cameras expertly scanned the lake, they picked up bewicks and whooper swans, soon to leave the sanctity of the pool to forage on nearby farmland.

But this was not all, gadwall and shoveler ducks, dozens of lapwing, diving teal, noisy grey-lag geese, circling buzzards and mallards



Psychedelic Swan - acrylic on board 2012.

aplenty. But for me, the most enchanting of these fascinating birds, were the snipes.

We already had our 'winter visitor' shots of the swans and although the mute swans stayed, the bewicks and whoopers left.

So therefore our attention turned to the dumpy snipe. Snipe are British resident birds, but they exist in far greater numbers on the continent.

Being a wetland probing bird, frozen conditions can soon mean starvation, so many snipe leave the frigid mainland and fly over to our balmy shores for a spot of winter cossetting.

A mere 20 yards away no less than 30 of these chunky birds sat, huddled together (them and me both!) awaiting the greater sun's rays. No sooner had we filmed them, then they left en masse for the sunlit island far into the pool's centre.

After that there was still plenty to see, but as people started to arrive an hour or so later, they were somewhat disappointed to learn of the now long-gone snipe and swans.

It just goes to show that occasionally, the early bird really does catch the worm.

Watch Ben and Jim's film on The County Channel at www.countychannel.tv

NEWS in brief

Walking group in members appeal

WALKERS of all ages and abilities are being urged to join a group which meets weekly in West Felton.

Walking For Health takes place in West Felton every Monday at 10am.

It starts at the village hall and takes people on routes suitable for all fitness levels and abilities.

A spokesman for the group said new walkers were always welcome.

For more information and walk leader training, contact Liz Evans via e-mail at Liz.Evans@shropshire.gov.uk or by calling 07445 499319.

The Walking for Health Team can be contacted via e-mail at walkingforhealth@shropshire.gov.uk

Rethink urged on rail link decision

OSWESTRY'S economic recovery could be damaged by Virgin Trains' decision not to restore a direct rail link from the area to London, the town's mayor has warned.

Councillor Martin Bennett urged businesses to write to rail bosses asking them to restore service amid fears the lost link could harm the chances of attracting investment.

Virgin Trains is looking to run a direct service from Shrewsbury to London but has said the link will not go as far as Gobowen, Oswestry's nearest train station.

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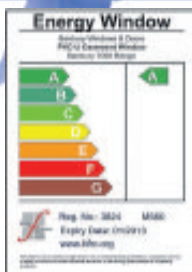
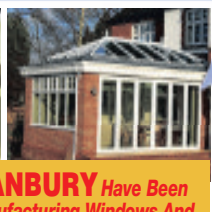
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THE ARTS

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Octogenarian Allan turns to art as a new hobby

Painter Allan Tucker in his studio. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

HE first picked up a paintbrush at the age of 87.

Now two years older, Allan Tucker has sold his first two works of art.

The pensioner says his success proves the old adage that you are never too old to try something new.

Classes

Mr Tucker, who lives in Oswestry, was delighted when two of his pastel works sold at different exhibitions in the Memorial Hall and at the Griffin Inn in the town.

by Sue Austin

"I decided I wanted to start painting so I went along to classes," he said.

"But they tried to get me to draw in charcoal first and I found it too messy. So I just got on with it at home."

The former British Telecom engineer, based at Brogyntyn for much of his working life, said he was really enjoying his new hobby.

"It takes between a day and two days to produce one painting," he said.

"I like doing landscapes and seascapes, trees and flowers."

"I haven't got a car anymore so I have to paint a lot from imagination and from memory."

"One of my paintings is of Lake Vyrnwy. My son took me for a drive around there and the painting is from my memories of that day."

Mr Tucker is also a prolific letter writer and in the 1970s was the chairman of the Oswestry CND, the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, group.

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GIG GUIDE

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Varied line-up on offer as Neil to hit the stage

GIG GUIDE

with Chrissy Symmons



A WEST End cast member will be singing at an Oswestry venue tonight (Thursday).

Neil Kristopher will be at Brooks Around the Corner, in Church Street, from 7pm.

He originally trained at the Musical Theatre at Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts in London. When he graduated in 2006 he was cast in the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical Starlight Express as the understudy to the lead role Rusty.

But after he was injured in the show and lost his father in 2008 Neil returned to Oswestry, his home town.

When he sings he loves to perform every genre and sings classics such as My Way and Fly Me to the Moon. He also chose contemporary songs for his repertoire such as Adele's Someone Like You and Olly Murs's Dance With Me Tonight.

Neil has sung for various hotels and has performed in front of international education ambassadors at the London Hilton. Now based in the area Neil has agreed to sing at the Oswestry restaurant every third Thursday of the month.

Tomorrow Brian Copsey will be picking up his guitar and playing to an audience near Welshpool.

He will be at Lowfield Inn, in Marton, from 8pm and the event will be



Neil Kristopher will be performing in Oswestry.

free to attend. For more information call (01743) 891313 or e-mail www.lowfieldinn.com

The Royal Oak Hotel, in Welshpool, will be continuing its Oak Live events tomorrow with musician Steve Edwards. The Mid-Wales based guitarist and vocalist is returning to the venue as its headlining act at 9pm.

Saturday night will see high energy pop and rock hits played at The Ironworks, in Church Street. Monsta-Ball will start at 9pm and has been described as an evening for party animals. Entry will cost £4.

Wednesday sees the film Argo being shown in Oswestry as part of film-screening company's Market Day Matinee programme. It will be shown

at the Attfield Theatre in the Guildhall, on Bailey Head, at 1.30pm.

Ruth Carter, from Kinokulture, said:

"The season will currently run on a monthly basis with support from Creative England through The National Lottery and the British Film Institute.

"We welcome everyone to these screenings - depending on the film classification of course. We hope this will help to support and enhance what Oswestry can offer on market days."

The film stars Ben Affleck. The tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 for under-16s. The doors will open at 1pm.

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MARKETS & NEWS

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Warning to farm tenants on rents

AN OSWESTRY property consultancy firm has urged the county's tenant farmers to be prepared to negotiate over rent increases after one of the toughest years in farming in history.

Davis Meade Property Consultants said forecasts for farm incomes are looking bleak following fluctuating prices and the second wettest year on record.

The firm says farmers who are facing a rent review should make sure the rent level is based on current farm incomes not profits from past years.

The advice comes ahead of Lady's Day, March 25, the traditional rent day for tenant farmers.

The firm is urging landlords to think carefully before seeking unreasonably high increases.

Kathryn Lewis from Davis Meade said: "Defra has released estimates predicting a fall in income across the board, based on the latest information, yet many of the rents being suggested by landlords are based on the previous year's income, which will, in the main, be higher."

"Tenants should seek advice from their agent as soon as possible."

"Although we hear that prices for commodities such as grain and beef are rising this does not mean that incomes have gone up too."

Welshpool livestock market

February 18 OTMS (58)

An entry of 58 over thirty month old cattle sold to average 125ppkg for the 38 older cows, 138ppkg for the 8 younger cows, 180ppkg for the bull, and 169ppkg and 136ppkg for the steers and heifers under 48months of age respectively. A British Blue cow weighing 826kg for G Jones & Son Yr Ogof sold to a top price of £1230.74. A Limousin cow weighing 690kg achieved £1193.70 from M P Rees Upper Pentre. A Limousin cow aged between 48months and 72 months sold for £121.49 from W L Hamer The Bryn. G Jones & Son Yr Ogof receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price older cow sold on the day. If you require any further information regarding this section please contact the market on 01938 553438 or the Auctioneer Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999.

FAT CATTLE (13)

An entry of 13 fat cattle sold to average 180ppkg for the steers and 224ppkg for the heifers. An entry of four fat steers from EE & MJ Jones & Sons Cwmbychan sold for 188ppkg, 179ppkg (x2), and 178ppkg. Three fat heifers from G Bound and Son Cefnbach sold to a 242ppkg, 234ppkg and 229ppkg. JM & SM Rowlands Dolwen sold two heifers for 227ppkg and 230ppkg. G Bound & Son Cefnbach receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price per kilo animal sold on the day. Weekly sale of Fat cattle every Monday will commence at approximately 12.30pm. More Fat Cattle

urgently required to meet a very strong demand from potential purchasers. If you have require any advise or wish to sell fat cattle at the market please contact the auctioneer Mr Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999 or the market office on 01938 553438.

PRIME HOGGETS (4909)

An entry of 4909 Prime Hoggets, sold to an overall average of 159ppkg. Super Lights (17.5kg to 25.4kg) (111) to 120ppkg from J L Jones Y Felin. Others to 110ppkg from E Pryce Jones & Son Clegynant. Average of 109ppkg. Lights (25.5kg to 32kg) (589) to 150ppkg from AP & JE Jenkins Pontyprichyll. Others to 148ppkg from E W Roberts Wenallt. Average of 129ppkg.

Standards (32.1kg to 39kg) (1413) to 178ppkg from I W Richards Park Farm. Others to 174ppkg from D S Griffiths Braichyfedw. Average of 152ppkg.

Mediums (39.5kg to 45.5kg) (1789) to 194ppkg from CL & C Watkins Bank Farm. Others to 190ppkg from I W Richards Park Farm. Average of 169ppkg.

Heavies (45.1kg to 52kg) (729) to 178ppkg from CJ & LM Davies Lawns Farm. Others to 172ppkg from M R Bound & Co Penybanc. Average of 162ppkg.

Over Weights (Over 52kg) (182) to 162ppkg from CJ & LM Davies Lawns Farm. Others to 161ppkg from AK & RC Tudor Lower Heblands. Average of 142ppkg.

CULL EWE (2774) An entry of 2774 cull sheep on offer for sale today, sold to average £33.01 for the ewes and £45.22 for the rams. Top price of the day for the ewes was £120 per head from W R Ashton Glan Ffyddion. Top price for the

cull rams was £77 per head from D R Owen & Sons Sandilands. Weekly sale of cull sheep to immediately follow the sale of fat lambs at approximately 12noon.

STORE LAMBS

An entry of 490 store lambs, Small theave lambs achieving a top price of £35 from RP & DM Jenkins Upper Llivior. Mixed and Clean lambs achieving a top price of £49.50 from RL & PA Whitticase. Wether lambs achieving a top price of £38.50 from J M Clew & Son Dolycwmfrwd. Tup lambs achieving a top price of £50.50 from F R Williams Cefn Canol. Mixed and tup lambs achieving a top price of £52.50 from R Hamer Aelybryn. An entry of 20 cide lambs selling to a top price of £10.

IN LAMB EWES. An entry of 200 in lamb ewes. Three year old texel ewes scanned with doubles achieving a top price of £93 from R E Jones Gelli. Two year old ewes of the same standard sold to £72 also from R E Jones Gelli.

COUPLES

A small entry of couples achieving a top price of £64 for texel ewes with single lambs at foot from JM & IM Lewis Erwbart.

Sale of store lambs to commence at 10.30am with sale of in lamb ewes, couples and cide lambs to follow.

COWS & CALVES

A seasonal entry of 17 cows and calves met with a good trade once again, leading the way was a Limousin 1st calver with a bull calf at foot from AS & EM Goulden Cilbach which made £2180. R I Owen & Co Cwmfynnon sold two British Blue 1st Calvers and one Hereford 1st calver all with Limousin calves at foot sired by Fildson alfie which sold for

£2120, £1880 and £1760 respectively. Three British Blue 3rd Calvers with Limousin calves at foot from E J Lewis Rhoslas sold for £1740 and £1700 and £1650. WA & OE Lloyd & Co Tynshettin sold six cows and calves as part of a herd dispersal to a top of £1420 for a Limousin 1st calver with a bull calf at foot whilst a Simmental 3rd calver with a Charolais bull calf made £1310. A breakdown of the prices achieved where as follows: £2000+ 2 lots, £1800 - £2000 1 lot, £1600 - £1800 4lots, £1400 - £1600 3 lots, £1200 - £1400 4 lots, less than £1200 3 lots.

Next Sale of Cows and Calves will take place on Monday 4th March 2013. If you have any wish to enter please contact Richard Evans on 07764 663192 or Market Office on 01938 553438.

FORTHCOMING SALES:

Monday 25th February, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Tuesday 26th February, February Store Cattle Fair.

Monday 4th March, Sale of Cows and Calves.

Monday 11th March, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Monday 12th March, Sale of Organic, Weanlings & Store Cattle.

Monday 18th March, Sale of Cows and Calves.

Monday 25th March, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Tuesday 26th March, March Store Cattle Fair.

Monday 1st April, Sale of Cows and Calves & April, Easter Spring Lambs Show and Sale.

Monday 8th April, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Tuesday 9th April, Sale of Organic, Weanlings & Store Cattle.

Monday 15th April, Sale of Cows and Calves.

Thursday 18th April, Sale

of Pedigree Charolais Cattle.

Monday 22nd April, Sale of Dairy Cattle.

Monday 29th April, Sale of Cows and Calves.

Tuesday 30th April, April Store Cattle Fair.

Oswestry cattle auctions

February 13 FAT CATTLE: (68)

A good entry of cattle considering the weather conditions. Best handy-weight cattle at a premium. Top slots hit 246p for Heifers, 218p for Bulls and 213p for Steers. Highest price in the lump was £1397 for a Bull. Bottom book 154p for a friesian bull. Overall average of 195p/kg.

Young Bulls (31) Overall Average 185p.

Light Bulls (3) Average 163p (£730/head) Selling to 167p from R Thomas Neuaddlwyd

Medium Bulls (17) Average 183p (£935/head) Selling to 218p from H W & D A Davies Tynant

Heavy Bulls (11) Average 191p (£1205/head) Selling to 213p from J E Evans & Son Middle Nantserth

Steers (8) Overall Average 196p.

Medium Steers (3) Average 201p (£1030/head) Selling to 213p from J P Evans & Son Lower Eryton Farm

Heavy Steers (5) Average 193p (£1180/head) Selling to 205p from W H Edwards & Co Highgate

Heifers (29) Overall Average 206p

Medium Heifers (7) Average 209.5p (£960/head) Selling to 236p from J W Jones & Partners Pantglas Ia

Heavy Heifers (22) Average 205p (£1085/head) Selling to 246p from Neuaddgloch Farms

A good trade and good

cattle. Please keep the numbers coming and thank you for your support

FAT HOGGETT#S:

(2619) Superlights to 129p average 126p Lights to 169p average 136.5p, Standards to 187p average 156p, Mediums to 200p average 164.5p, Heavy's to 162p average 151.5p, Others to 152p average 138p. Overall average 156.5p.

FAT EWES: (860)

Ewes to £78.00 average £27.50, Rams to £80.00, average £44.50

Please Note : All sheep entering the Market must be tagged.

CALVES: (31)

Quite substantially less selling to a marginally improved trade with only the very best continental males creating any real competition. Small friesians quite substantially sharper. Limousin Bulls topping the sale at £385 from Messrs Edwards Lower Sweeney

£312 from Messrs Holland Ashes Farm £300 from Messrs Lloyd Roberts Penant Farm. British Blue Bulls to £352 from Messrs Hamer Penrhos Farm. Simmental Bulls to £311 from Messrs Gilman Birch Hall.

Limousin Heifers to £235 from Messrs Vaughan Maesmochant.

Blonde D'Aquataine Bulls to £230 from Messrs Edwards Plasnewydd. Friesian rearers to £73 from Messrs Lewis Crumpwell £68 from Messrs Hickson Kihendro £68 & £66 from Messrs Andrew Neuadd Uchaf £64 from Messrs Evison Rhydyccifin

STORE CATTLE: (120)

An entry of 120 store cattle met a cracking trade on this snowy morning with a top price of £1380 for Steers sold by Messrs Evans The Mount and a top price of £1130 for Heifers sold by Messrs Williams Bron-

heulog. Top prices per kg for a pair of British Blue x Steers of 242p by P L Harrison Neuaddlwyd. Top price per kg for a Limousin x Heifer of 222p sold by Messrs Williams Bronheulog. Steers averaged £966.38 or 202.95p/kg all in. Heifers averaged £862.65 or 201.91p/kg all in.

With this strong demand and healthy trade if you have cattle ready and tested get them booked in and sold.

U72 & CULL COWS: (37)

An entry of 37 cattle met with yet another record trade. The demand and price of these cattle seem to reach new heights every week! Top price of £1410.00.

Top price Cow 157p/kg, Steer 188p/kg and Bulls 167p/kg

Cows

Limousin to 158p average 142.46p/kg

Hereford to 139p Other to 128p

Friesian to 157p average 118.42p/kg

There were a lot of plain friesian cows forward and good fleshed friesians were selling from

125 - 157p/kg Steers

Continental to 188p average 184p/kg

Friesian to 158p Bull

Charolais to 167p average 163.65p/kg

Limousin to 141p Stock Bull

Limousin to 158p average 152.19p/kg

Shorthorn to 135p 37 Cattle average

123.70p/kg

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Motoring

Well up in the luxury stakes but it's short on practicality

Drive time with Graham Breeze



IF an elevated driving position, performance, interior space and a luxurious ride count for anything in the SUV sector then Audi have it made with the Q7 – but the trouble comes when looking for a parking space.

The Q7 is the most imposing of all Audi models, even dwarfing the Range Rover and has all the luxuries you would expect but parking is a real issue, even when fitted with all the modern warning cameras and technology you come to expect with a model at this price.

Impossible

If parking on the street isn't bad enough things become even more difficult in car parks where it is impossible to park without overlapping and difficult to get in and out of those limited spaces.

The Q7 epitomises everything that earth protecting environmentalists despise and is the very gas-guzzler they point at in such disapproving fashion.

Audi offers no defence in this matter, with the three-litre TDi Quattro on test battering the atmosphere with 195g/km worth of emissions and averaging only a few miles over 30mpg on the combined circuit, even though Audi claim the figure to be nearer 38mpg.

There's little wonder really when you appreci-



The new Audi Q7, a large SUV with bags of luxury features

ate that you can charge to 62mph in just 7.8 seconds from a standing start without really realising you have left the drive – so smooth is the ride.

I didn't get the chance to give the Q7 its head off-road but was more than happy to have it for a week which contained a four-inch fall of snow. Weighing in at an amazing 2,345kg the beast copes in all road conditions, even though the ride was a bit firm at lower speeds.

There's standard four-wheel drive backed up by electronic stability and differential lock systems while twin front and side airbags are standard and curtain side airbags provide head protection for all three rows.



The cabin is well kitted out

I always see the inside of an Audi cabin as being the same experience as the cockpit of a jet. The Q7 is no different, in fact probably the best yet. Controls are slick, everything is well appointed and there is a feeling of class in all departments.

There's a single rotary knob for accessing stereo, sat-nav and air-suspension functions with menus for each system accessed on a colour screen. You do need a little time to learn the ropes though.

It's impossible not to find your perfect seating position thanks to a multitude of electronic adjustments and rake and height electronic adjustable steering positions.



The Audi Q7 copes well in all road conditions

In any company the Q7 is a huge car but the third row of seats lack both leg and headroom and really eat into the bootspace.

The S-line model on test had a starting price of £45,380 but when you add such extras as the electronically adjustable steering, seats and mirror, a technology package which includes sat-nav, Bluetooth, tailgate opening, panoramic sunroof, window blinds and a BOSE surround sound system the price shoots up to £56,255.

The majority of Q7s will probably be sold in the States, where the wide open roads make driving such a big vehicle so much easier and while UK sales will be limited I am pretty sure they will meet Audi targets.

The Q7 is city rather than country and will not be recognised for its off-road capabilities but there is no hiding the fact that you do feel very special behind the wheel.

Bumper to bumper

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Motoring

Motorists putting safety on the roads as priority

Thirty years after the introduction of the mandatory seatbelt law, and over 50 years since Volvo first developed the three-point seatbelt, the Swedish carmaker continues to lead the way with innovative safety technology working towards its Vision 2020 that nobody will be killed or seriously injured in or by a new Volvo by 2020.

To celebrate the 30th anniversary the mandatory use of seatbelts for drivers and front seat passengers, Volvo Car UK commissioned a survey into the British public's views on vehicle safety.

Revealed

The report revealed that despite major steps in road safety technology, most – 60 per cent – do not believe safety innovations can wipe out road traffic accidents in the near future.

The law came into force on January 31 1983 and it has been estimated this legislation has saved over 60,000 lives over that period.

The poll of 1,184 drivers also found:

- Many would welcome a range of safety innovations on vehicles with over a quarter saying they would like a car that drives itself.
- More than half would be happy to be driven by autopilot.
- 45 per cent would like to see pedestrian protection technology on all cars.
- Over half want all round cameras fitted to vehicles.
- Interestingly, only a third of drivers believe



City Safety – the anti-collision system operates at speeds of up to 31 mph

speed limits on motorways should be increased because of these improved safety features.

Manufacturer

Volvo continues its market-leading approach to passive and active safety technology being the first manufacturer to introduce its auto-braking City Safety system as standard across all cars in the all-new V40 range.

City Safety, a low-speed collision avoidance system operates at speeds of up to 31 mph on the V40, keeps an eye on traffic in front

and automatically brakes if the driver fails to react in time when the vehicle in front slows down or stops – or if the car is approaching a stationary vehicle too fast.

Features such as pedestrian detection where cars automatically brake when sensing pedestrians ahead, the world's first pedestrian airbag and even autopilot convoy driving where cars link together to drive themselves in special motorway 'road trains' are already being used or tested by Volvo and the manufacturer hopes to start rolling out this technology in the next few years.



Danger, pedestrians ahead – Volvo continues its Vision 2020 mission

Volvo Car UK's Managing Director Nick Connor said: "Volvo has a fantastic safety heritage at the forefront of innovative technology having clocked up several world firsts including the debut of the pedestrian airbag on the all-new V40 launched last year.

"As a nation of sceptics, it is perhaps not surprising the majority of British motorists think the introduction of vehicles which make accidents virtually a thing of the past is not possible but I have every faith in Volvo to prove them wrong!"

Volvo first introduced the two point cross-chest belt as an accessory in 1956 followed by

the 3-point belt in the front as standard equipment in 1959.

Three decades of research and development means predictions of auto-piloted, self-driving, crash-proof cars on our roads by 2020 may not be all that farfetched despite the doubts of the majority of motorists surveyed.

Volvo invests heavily in safety research with its unique safety centre in Gothenburg carrying out hundreds of simulated crash scenarios each year and a dedicated safety team that visit the site of any road incident involving a Volvo within 50km to collect real world data.

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Motoring

Dealer sees hike in website hits

Website hits for Shropshire's award-winning Vauxhall dealer have increased fourfold in the last 12 months.

Figures release by Arthurs Vauxhall of Oswestry reveal there were 1,600 visits in January 2012. The number rose to 7,670 in January 2013.

Inquiries for Network Q used cars were coming from all over the country, said Steve Hughes, general sales manager.

He said of nine sales at the Newtown branch last weekend, eight were Network Q cars to local buyers who had been on the website.

"We have developed our online used car activity a great deal and this has resulted in a considerable growth in the number of enquiries received.

Developed

"We noticed how the market was changing and Arthurs has therefore developed its used car strategy to be at the forefront of these changes.

"However, we are not going to become complacent – we have increased our internet budget spend by a further 35 per cent for 2013 to assist us in continually growing the number of online visitors to our website.

"To support this strategy," revealed Steve, "we have recruited an additional person at both our Oswestry and Newtown branches to prepare and present our Network Q used cars to a higher level than they have ever been."

As a further contributor to the increase in the number of used car searches, he said Arthurs had implemented new processes within their branches.



Steve Hughes says inquiries for Network Q cars were coming from all over the country

"We continually monitor our asking prices on a daily basis to ensure we are always very competitive and this has also paid dividends," said Steve.

"We have further development plans for the future, including additional services such as UK nationwide deliveries.

"Arthurs has already delivered a number of used cars to the London area as well as some to Scotland. So we see this service as being a further aid to growing our sales of Network Q cars in the future," Steve added.

Mike's Bikes for all your needs on two wheels

Advertisement feature

Oswestry motorcycle business, Mike's Bikes, has gained an enviable reputation for its service, whether selling – or buying – machines, carrying out services and repairs, or providing a wide range of accessories.

Visitors can also be assured of friendly and expert advice. Mike's Bikes, at 8 Welsh Walls, Oswestry has been specialising in motorcycles, scooters and quad bikes for over 11 years, although Mike Hughes has been in business in the town for 31 years.

The popular family business is run by Mike and his wife, Lynn. It is a dealer for Rieju motorbikes as well as Kymco scooters and quad bikes, and also Bacton scooters.

Specialist

The quad bike sales is a specialist section that attracts customers from a wide area.

Lynn said: "We sell new machines and also sell and buy secondhand bikes and scooters. And of course we will talk to customers about part exchange."

They also stock a wide range of clothing and accessories including vital protective clothing, trousers, gloves, footwear and neck tubes and accessories.

There's a range of helmets including AGV, Shark, HJC and Box. Nikwax is also sold for cleaning and waterproofing clothing and footwear.

"It may also be possible to order in special requests," said Lynn.

She said that with young people aged 16 and over able to ride scooters, Mike's Bikes was keen to advice not only on safety clothing and helmets, but also on training available to all riders.



The team at Mike's Bikes – from left, Lynn Hughes, Nick Stockley and Mike Hughes

"We can give all the details on 'CBT' training for riders that will set them out on to the road."

Once a bike or scooter is purchased customers can then rely on Mike's Bikes for MoTs and repairs, all carried out within the workshops on Welsh Walls.

The business has its own fully-qualified mechanics including a specialist, motorbike technician.

"We are happy for people to pop in and meet us and see what we have to offer. We can give advice on buying a bike or scooter tailored to an individual's need.

"The bike that is right for one person may not be right for another. It depends on how many miles and what type of riding the individual does," said Lynn.

Right: Mike's Bikes stocks a wide range of motorcycling clothes and helmets



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SPORT

COBRA strike back with fine win at the seaside

COBRA returned to winning ways to stay firmly on the promotion trail in the Welsh League division two (north) with an emphatic 59-6 beating at struggling Rhyl.

After a disappointing spell that saw defeats to high riding Denbigh in both the league and Swalec Bowl, the Meifod side got back on track with a bonus point win to consolidate second spot.

They now lead third placed Llandudno by 17 points and, although the Seaside side do have three games in hand, promotion is looking a realistic aim for COBRA this season.

The visitors dominated from the first whistle and led 19-6 at half time, before

underling their superiority with seven more tries in the second half to take their match tally to nine.

All the scores came from the back row and half back positions, with No8 and captain Aled Davies leading the way with a hat-trick of touchdowns while there were two tries apiece from fly-half Llew Williams, scrum half Alwyn Williams and flanker Jack Jukes. Llew Williams also kicked seven conversions to help the Llanfair Caereinion side past the half century mark.

They take a break from league action on Saturday with a trip to Dolgellau in the North Wales Plate, with a noon kick-off as Wales are in action later in the day.



Try time – COBRA's Aled Davies crashes over the Rhyl line. Pictures: Trevor Jones.



COBRA scrum-half Alwyn Williams spins out a pass

Eagles soar to turn on the style in league clash

OSWESTRY II returned to the pitch in style with an emphatic 52-5 home success over Glossop III to ease their worries in the Raging Bull North West League Division Three (south).

The Eagles had failed to even a score a try when the sides met earlier in the season, so it proved a remarkable turnaround as the hosts ran riot.

Right from the off there was a vitality to the Eagles' play exemplified by young flanker Tom Jones and hooker Richard Hemphill who forced Glossop into kicking away possession from the off.

The hosts were soon in front when Glossop were unable to secure their own lineout ball and hooker Hemphill pounced on the loose ball before scoring.

The Eagles were soon on the attack again, with scrum pressure leading to the score. Props Rich McFie and Steve Jarvis, who went through a total of four props on the day, got the Glossop scrum backpedalling leading to turnover ball which was passed out wide for converted winger Will Groombridge to score with ease.

Hulking centres Tom Keaveney and Christopher Blythe punched holes in the Glossop midfield and then deftly offloaded to flanker Tom Jones who darted for the line under Glossop pressure and touched down in the corner for a well-taken try to complete the scoring for the first half.

Ease

Oswestry ensured there were no second-half slip-ups as they quickly added to their tally after the half-time break.

Second rower Will Lewis received the kick-off, charged through a couple of tacklers with relative ease giving scrum-half William Boulton quick ball to snipe round the blind side and, after drawing a couple of covering defenders, offloaded to Groombridge to score his second of the day.

With this try and the pitch beginning to cut up, Glossop began to tire allowing further scores from Groombridge, who completed his hat-trick.

Further tries from Tom Jones, Tom Thorpe and finally Jerry Wilford took the score past 50, helped by some superb goal kicking from fullback Jack Turner.

Glossop did manage to get on the score-sheet when they used first phase play-off of a scrum to move the ball wide to the right and score in the corner but it was of little consolation.

The Eagles, who are now fifth from bottom, host Burnage III at Granville Park on Saturday hoping to move further away from the danger zone in the league.

Promotion hopes are hit as Welshpool fall to local rival

WELSHPOOL'S promotion hopes in the Welsh League Division Three (North) faded as they suffered a 33-13 loss at local rivals Newtown in their return to action.

Looking to make up ground in their first game in a month, the youthful Maesydyre side were well placed in the first half as they led 6-0 just before the interval, before a converted try gave their Powys neighbours the lead.

Buoyed by their score before half time, Newtown soon added a second touchdown after the restart before three more tries saw them run out ultimately convincing winners to boost their own hopes of a return to the second division next season.

Replacement Gwyn Evans went over for Pool's one try which was converted by Daley Jones, who earlier kicked two first-half penalties to give his side the lead.

Flanker Craig Lewis bagged two tries for Newtown while there were also touchdowns from wingers Richard Andrews and Junior Dean, while fly-half Rowan Meek also crossed as well as kicking three conversions.

Dylan Green also chipped in with a conversion.

Convert

Welshpool were now lost twice to their rivals down the road this season, and were left to rue unforced errors and missed tackles, although the scoreline did not really reflect the performance put in by the visitors.

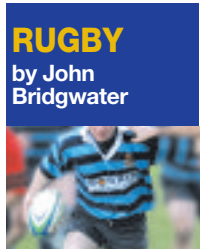
For much of the first half, Welshpool held a slight territorial and possession advantage but were unable to convert this into points in the early going.

Despite eventually taking the lead, the home side always looked dangerous with ball in hand and from set-plays.

On the stroke of half time they crossed under the posts to take a 7-6 advantage into the break.

Newtown stretched their lead to 19-6 in the second half but, despite being two scores behind, Welshpool's youngsters did not throw in the towel and, when Newtown fumbled a catch behind their own line, Evans seized on the opportunity for a try, with Jones adding the conversion.

At 19-13 the game was again in the balance, but the home side were again able to unleash their excellent back line and found yet another



gap to put themselves back in the driving seat at 26-13.

A late and high challenge on Welshpool's Joe Stranks, who had an excellent game, led to Newtown being a man down for 10 minutes, but the visitors were unable to take the advantage as the hosts bagged the final score.

For Newtown, the win will keep alive their promotion hopes, though wins for both Wrexham and Rhos mean they are still going to have to make up ground to do so. For Welshpool, it means an uphill battle to secure a top-four finish, especially with Menai Bridge winning 10-0 at Harlech.

There were positives for Welshpool, with Ryan Griffiths making a lot of yards and several turnovers whilst standing in at scrum-half, while the back row that finished the game – Joe Stranks, Danny Williams and Ryan Goodwin – could be a combination that leads the club forward in the coming years.

Young wingers Rhys Jones and Matt Roberts both played their parts well, putting in plenty of yards and tackles.

In the front five, Ben Aldis put in another solid performance and Sam Ward made plenty of yards when he came on in the second half.

Pool have to wait before they can look to bounce back as they are not in action on Saturday due to Wales' trip to Italy in the Six Nations.

Double joy for Harriers

MALDWINY HARRIERS athlete Alex Cawthra won the under-17 girls' title and Joseph Crutchley the under-13 boys' crown at the North Wales Cross-Country Championships at Corwen.

Chloe Evans came second in the under-15 girls' race while Gwynant Jones was runner-up in the men's under-20 event behind in-form Nathan Jones of Colwyn Bay.



The blue line – Welshpool defend as if their lives depend on it during the local derby with Newtown in the Welsh League division three (north), which ended up in a 33-13 defeat to their hosts. Pictures: Gary Williams.



It's a mass of arms and legs in the match between Newtown and Welshpool

PLACINGS

English Clubs Championships

SOUTH LANCs CHESHIRE 2

	P	W	D	L	BP	Pts
Sefton	19	18	0	1	15	87
Douglas	19	17	0	2	14	82
Dukinfield	18	12	1	5	11	61
L'pool Collegiate	19	12	1	6	9	59
Vagabonds	19	11	1	7	12	58
Ormskirk	17	11	0	6	11	55
Oswestry	20	8	1	11	6	40
Southport	19	7	1	11	7	37
Ramsay	19	7	0	12	7	30
Moore	18	7	0	11	6	29
Wallasey	18	5	1	12	7	29
Oldershaw	19	5	0	14	5	25
Marple	18	4	1	13	7	25
Buxton	18	2	1	15	7	17

WELSH LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

(NORTH)

	P	W	D	L	BP	Pts
Wrexham	10	8	0	2	8	40
Rhoslanerch	9	7	1	1	5	35
Newtown	10	6	1	3	8	34
Harlech	10	7	0	3	5	33
Menai Bridge	9	6	1	2	6	32
Welsphool	11	6	1	4	5	32
Bangor	12	4	1	7	5	23
Flint	10	3	0	7	3	15
Berllec	11	2	1	8	2	12
Porthmadog	5	2	0	3	2	10
Holyhead RFC	11	0	0	11	1	1

Young Eagles have their wings clipped

OSWESTRY drew a blank as they went down 19-0 at mid-table rivals Southport in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two.

Having defeated their rivals at home earlier in the campaign, hopes of a double failed to materialise as the Eagles slipped to their sixth loss in their last seven games.

However, head coach Don Howell was full of praise for the young side and is confident that when the pitches dry up the team will see the full potential and ability of the talented youngsters.

With skipper Graham Fox returning to the side after missing the last two games, Oswestry travelled up to Southport having kept faith with

the young side that narrowly lost to Vagabonds the previous week. They faced a big and experienced Southport team that had started to win a few games, particularly at home.

The Eagles were under pressure from the start with the big home forwards keeping the ball tight by driving close to the breakdown. The visitors defended well, and tried to run the ball, but unfortunate handling errors gave the ball back to their opponents.

Oswestry's back line defended very well, forcing Southport to use a kicking game that resulted in a mix-up that allowed the Southport winger to kick the ball on to score an unconverted try.

The Eagles stuck to the game plan of trying to move the much heavier Southport forwards around the park, but were out-muscled at the breakdowns, although there was no further score in this half.

Oswestry turned round at half-time with a changed game plan of trying to play behind the Southport back line. With Luca Owen-Youens putting in some lovely kicks into the spaces, and with the Eagles' back line putting pressure on their hosts, it looked as if they could get back into the game.

Their plans, however, were disrupted when they lost a player after the referee issued a yellow card for not rolling away after the tackle.

Southport's forwards capitalised using the driving maul and the pick-up, with a drive resulting in a converted try.

The game started to get a bit messy with both sides giving away penalties, but Oswestry could not get enough ball to stretch the Southport defence, and the experienced home forwards gained another period of pick-up and drive which resulted in another converted try to kill the game off.

Oswestry have no game this weekend, but face a tough task when they return to duty the following Saturday at home to high flying Sefton who have lost just once this season.

Hughes in picture but unhappy as costs on up

NEW County President John Hughes took centre stage at the Oswestry League's annual meeting.

He was presented with a picture of the official hand-dover of the Shropshire chain of office, taken at the county AGM by Emrys Jones of Church.

Oswestry president Eric Stokes led the congratulations for Hughes who, as the league's nomination for the post, is determined to fly the flag in style for the area.

Hughes reported on the decision of the BCGBA to raise the cost of new registrations from £6 to £10, a move blasted by the Corwen delegate at the league's AGM at Whittington BC.

"We are trying to get new players to take up the sport and they do this. It's disgraceful," he said.

Applications from two new teams were approved.

Critfins have started to build up their membership and have a number of new bowlers who will play in division six while Cynwyd, who have welcomed a number of new bowlers from the Bala area, were accepted into veterans division eight.

Treasurer Gwynfor Hughes said the league was on a sound financial footing and so fees would remain the same, before paying tribute to re-named sponsors Hartley Wealth Management Ltd.

Honoraria was increased by 10 per cent as clubs clearly showed their gratitude for the efforts put in by their officials.

But, despite the rise, there was still no one willing to take on the position of general secretary. Dai Lewis (Church) agreed to continue to carry out the clerical duties of the league – but would not accept any honoraria.

First league games will be played on Tuesday, April 9, and officers elected were – president, Eric Stokes; chairman, Kevin Stevenson; treasurer, Gwynfor Hughes; fixture secretary: Mel Jones; competition secretary, Trevor Roberts.

SPORT**Battling Rangers hold out for point****Dunkirk 0****Ellesmere Rgrs 0**

ELLESMERE RANGERS rebounded from the previous weekend's 7-0 mauling against league leaders Stratford to earn a point with a goalless draw against ninth-placed Dunkirk in the Midland Alliance.

Manager Delwyn Humphreys made minor changes to his line-up, with Kevin Renshaw and Jamie Haynes drafted into the starting XI up front and Connor Courtney replacing the absent Matty Fletcher in defence.

And the Meresiders turned in a greatly-improved rearguard display to frustrate their opponents for large spells of the game.

Dunkirk's leading scorer Kieran Wells was the main dangerman for the hosts and he missed three great chances to open the scoring before half time. Each time though the forward headed wide of the target and was marked more effectively after the break.

At the other end, Rangers were also unfortunate not to open the scoring on a number of occasions.

A Jamie Haynes corner found Kevin Renshaw on 30 minutes but his close-range effort was blocked by keeper James Mountain and the danger was quickly cleared.

Then, just before the break, Steve O'Reilly fired just inches wide.

The hosts kept pressing in the second half and Ellesmere goalkeeper Dave Maguire took a nasty knock 10 minutes from time when he denied Wells from close range.

But he was able to play on and defender Adam Smith was in the right place at the right time to deflect Richard Wyman's close-range effort in stoppage time as Rangers held out for a point.

The result sees Ellesmere now eight points adrift at the bottom of the league but, with several games against bottom-half sides still to play, club spokesman Mark McIntyre said there is still everything to play for.

He did, though, admit that recruiting a goalkeeper was now the club's main priority and Humphreys was working hard to help bolster the side's attack ahead of next month's transfer deadline.

Cooper the U13s hero in cup win

A GOAL from Matty Cooper helped Oswestry Boys under-13s to a 1-0 win at Shrewsbury Juniors to reach the semi-final of the Shropshire Junior Cup.

The pitch was heavy going and chances were at a premium in a goalless first half with Oswestry, without their two top scorers through injury, looking understandably rusty in their first action since December 9.

They started the second half brightly, however, it was Shrewsbury who had the first clear sight of goal but a combination of Connor Williams, keeper James Youens and the post kept their shot out.

Oswestry's efforts were rewarded when Cooper headed in a Curtis Weenham cross with 10 minutes left.

Shrewsbury did hit the woodwork again but the visitors held firm to book a semi final spot with their keeper James Youens making it back-to-back clean sheets.

Big cash boost for stadia work Super six for Foxes

SOME £113,400 has been awarded to clubs in mid-Wales for ground improvements in 2013, according to figures released by the Welsh Grounds Improvements Board.

Among the major beneficiaries are Montgomery, who have received £24,000 for drainage work, while fellow Spar Mid Wales League promotion-chasers Four Crosses have received £7,600 for a covered stand.

Llansantffraid Village have been awarded £7,400 for a pitch barrier and Llanafair United £3,700 for hardstanding and dugout.

Elsewhere, Abermule have received £3,800 for hardstanding while the biggest grant went to Cymru Alliance side Caersws, who will collect £28,000 for a new stand.

The Caersws project is for the installation of 250 new seats and will also see the admission block relocated and turn-

stiles introduced to help move the club closer to meeting the Football Association of Wales' strict domestic licence criteria.

The scheme, the club's largest at the ground for 21 years, will also greatly improve the access and overall safety to visitors to the ground.

Peter Harding, Caersws chairman, said: "With the fantastic grant of £28,400 we have now received from the Welsh Football Trust's Ground Improvement scheme we can hopefully get the project in motion and ensure that the club and the ground maintains its position as one of Mid Wales' best venues for years to come."

"The club have worked hard to get the club sustainable over recent years and we are now getting into a position of stability."

"The fruit of all this hard work means we can now hopefully start to re-invest

in the facilities as well as the youth and junior set-ups and improve the clubs ties with the community whilst remaining competitive on the pitch."

These awards are testimony to the hard work of Welshpool-based FAW Life vice-president Phil Pritchard, who together with FAW member Phil Jones of Caersws are members of the board of WGI.

In total some a sum of £500,000 has been awarded to clubs throughout Wales, and central Wales have been very well served to achieve such a high percentage of the total monies available.

"I am again highly delighted that, together with Phil Jones, we have been able to achieve a very good deal for our clubs in central Wales," said Pritchard.

"I know that all clubs appreciate the work we do to achieve this, and it is always nice when we have a very good result for them."

MIKE Lloyd netted twice – and also missed an injury-time penalty – as high flying Cross Foxes rattled up a 6-1 win against Duddleston Heath in the Roche North Shropshire Sunday Football League, writes **ROGER CANDLIN**.

Dudleston conceded home advantage due to their pitch not being playable and found the leaders too hot to handle.

Foxes were 2-0 up inside the first eight minutes. Carl Harris converted a second-minute penalty after keeper Darren Pitcher brought down Gareth Hardy, and Lloyd headed a second soon after.

Matthew Hardy made it 3-0 in the 52nd minute before Keiran Barry pulled one back for Dudleston when he netted from 12 yards.

Adam Herbert then scored twice, first heading home a Harris cross and then nodding in a Lloyd cross on 76.

Lloyd made it 6-1 when he headed in

from a Leigh Waddingham cross, while he squandered a great chance of his hat-trick by missing a penalty in added time after Jack Hughes had been fouled.

THE OAK came from behind to beat basement boys **PLOUGH 3-2**.

Dave Harshbourn gave The Oak an early lead but substitute Chris Culet, who replaced Steve Lockley, scored twice to give the Plough a 2-1 half-time lead.

Advantage

Jimmy Neil equalised after the break before James Lewis scored an amazing winner from just inside the Plough half to earn The Oak the spoils.

Andy Morris scored a hat-trick for MALPAS in their 6-0 win over **ATHLETICO**. Alex Hayles and Morris had given Malpas a 2-0 advantage at the break. Luke Hughes and Tom Ellis found the net in the second half along with two more for Morris.

PLACINGS**Spar Mid Wales League**

Division one: Builth Wells 3, Llansantffraid Village 2, Camo 5, Newbridge-on-Wye 6, Montgomery 2, Waterloo 9, Welshpool 3, Dolgellau 0. Division two: Hay St Mary's 6, Llanafair Utd 1, Llandudno 1, Rhosgob 4, Llanfyllin 5, Presteigne 2, Machynlleth 4, Knighton 1, Talgarth 1, Bont 2. League Cup round one: Kerry 2, Dyffryn Banw 1, 19 13 89 3.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Builth Wells	20	13	3	51	26	43
Llanidloes	17	13	2	77	22	41
Four Crosses	17	11	3	42	24	36
Berris	20	9	4	43	26	32
Aberaeron	18	10	6	34	22	32
Waterloo	17	10	5	43	33	32
Twyn Brynwg	18	9	8	46	30	28
Montgomery	13	7	2	35	15	25
Aber Islwyn	16	8	3	34	22	22
Llansantffraid	17	6	8	44	39	21
Bow Street	15	5	4	40	36	21
Newbridge	17	6	8	33	31	21
Camo	17	6	10	30	33	19
Welshpool	23	6	16	36	70	19
Dyffryn Banw	19	5	12	32	82	9
Dolgellau	20	1	19	13	89	3

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Llanafair Utd	15	14	0	56	8	43
Llandudno	15	11	4	47	18	33
Knighton	17	8	5	42	29	28
Rhosgob	17	7	5	48	32	26
Kerry	16	7	6	28	25	25
Hay St Mary's	17	7	7	49	48	24
Machynlleth	14	7	6	40	39	22
Talgarth	19	5	10	32	19	19
Presteigne	15	5	7	40	47	18
Llanfyllin	13	4	6	26	33	13
Abermule	16	4	10	27	49	16
Bont	16	4	10	26	51	14
Aberdyfi	17	1	11	33	60	4

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Rhyl	22	19	0	83	17	60
Conwy Borough	23	14	4	42	26	47
Cefn Druids	19	13	3	46	17	42
Caersws	19	13	5	60	21	40
Holyhead Hotspur	22	8	4	40	35	38
Buckley Town	21	10	5	43	28	36
Fint Town Utd	19	8	7	42	34	28
Guildford	18	8	3	37	33	26
Portmadoc	23	6	12	33	43	23
Llandudno	22	6	11	24	43	23
Rhydymwyn	22	5	11	36	21	21
Penrhynoch	19	5	9	29	45	20
Rhayader Town	19	5	11	27	49	18
Penycae	20	5	12	30	58	18
Ruthin Town	22	2	15	36	52	11
Llanrhaeadr YM	18	12	18	58	10	10

Welshpool Dominoes

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Social Club	20	16	4	97	43	43
Pinewood C.	19	15	4	87	46	43
Celts	19	13	6	85	48	40
Compasses	19	11	8	73	80	38
Waterloo	20	11	9	73	67	37
Sun Inn	20	9	11	68	72	36
G.Dragon Butt B	19	9	10	66	67	36
Pinewood	19	10	9	66	67	36
Cock P/A	18	8	11	59	74	34
Pinewood Dragons	15	12	5	58	75	33
Bowling Club	20	7	13	54	86	30
G.Dragon Butt A	20	5	15	51	89	28
Powis Arms P/A	19	5	14	45	88	28

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Railway	21	17	4	101	46	54
Cock A	21	14	7	93	54	54
Welshpool Wander	21	11	10	78	69	43
Talbot	21	11	10	77	70	43
Westwood	21	11	10	77	70	43
Angel	21	12	9	78	71	43
RAF Boys	21	11	10	74	73	43
Kings Head	21	11	10	73	74	43
Grapes	21	10	11	70	77	43
The Real Railway	21	10	11	70	77	43
Horshoe	21	10	11	69	76	43
Breidden	21	9	12	68	78	43
Muriels Bunch	21	9	12	66	79	43
Wellington	21	8	13	31	116	43

Mercian Regional Football League

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Church Stratton	18	13	4	34	32	43
AFC Ludlow	13	10	1	43	13	32
Morda United	15	9	3	39	21	30
Telford Juniors	14	8	3	24	15	27
FC Hodnet	16	6	27	20	26	26
Shinfield United	17	7	7	28	25	24
Oakenfold Athletic	15	5	12	27	20	20
Allestree	16	6	8	37	29	20
Ketley Bank Utd	17	6	9	24	35	20
Wellington Ams R	17	7	22	22	17	17
Weston Rhyn	17	4	11	17	33	14
Whitchurch R.A.	14	2	20	36	10	10
Dawley Town	10	1	8	5	27	4

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ketley Town	18	16	2	95	24	51
Madeley Sports	17	12	3	58	18	38
Oswestry Lions	18	12	4	68	38	38
Rook Rovers FC	15	11	6	66	25	36
Prees FC	17	12	5	67	32	36
Bishops Cleeve	9	5	56	52	31	31
Wrexeter Rovers	16	10	5	53	29	31
Oswestry BC	15	6	29	27	21	21
Brown Cleeve	15	5	32	48	19	19
Clee Hill	14	4	9	28	43	18
Mecle Brook	14	12	32	62	14	14
Morda Utd Res	15	3	12	23	10	10
Hopesgate United	14	3	11	29	60	9
Shawbury Utd Res	18	2	16	11	87	6
Wrock Wood Jrs	15	1	14	16	84	3

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Clidsdale	20	18	1	102	24	55
Claverley	20	15	5	83	35	45
Chalvington	18	12	5	41	43	43
Market Don Tigers	17	12	3	39	18	38
AFC Wellington	18	12	5	57	36	37
Chasco	18	12	6	52	34	36
Railway 2	18	9	7	54	21	29
Edmond Rangers	19	7	9	50	36	27
Wicks Wrexham	19	7	12	42	23	23
Donnington S&S	18	7	8	58	44	21
Impact	17	7	10	35	45	21
Higley Mires	17	7	10	35	45	21
Madeley Sports R	17	3	13	22	65	6
Abington Juniors	17	2	15	22	66	6
Spalling Britannia	18	2	16	21	119	6
Denso	19	0	19	6	143	0

Able Ziemann bags treble for Guilsfield six-shooters**Saints make point after last-gasp leveller**

A HAT-TRICK from striker Martyn Ziemann helped Guilsfield hit lowly visitors Rhayader Town for six to maintain their resurgence in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

Having notched eight goals in their last two home outings, three against Llandudno and five against Hay St Mary's in the Central Wales Cup the previous week, the Guils continued their scoring form with Ziemann firing a hat-trick on 42, 67 and 77 minutes.

Looking to make up ground on the leading pack, Guilsfield had the perfect start when Chris Cathraill converted a first minute penalty but Rhayader were very much in the game as Mike Collister levelled from the spot following a foul on Lance Jones on 36 minutes.

Ziemann's glanced header restored the lead three minutes before half-time, and the second period was to prove a different story as Guilsfield came out of the blocks and extended their advantage with a fine individual goal from Ian Probert on 49 minutes.

Cathraill crashed No 4 following a Will Thomas cross on the hour and Ziemann completed his hat-trick with two six yard box finishes after Thomas tormented the visitors' rearguard.

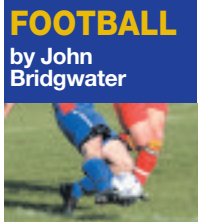
Prospects
The win, which could have been even more emphatic, cemented Guilsfield's position in eighth spot with games in hand, and they now put their revival to the test in Saturday's tricky trip to Caersws.

LLANRHAEDR'S survival prospects look increasingly bleak after suffering a 5-1 home beating to another of their basement rivals Penycae.

Having not played in the league for two months, the hosts were always chasing the game after finding themselves three goals behind midway through the first half as Ian Davies, Naim Arsam and Ian Williams found the net.

After the break, Ian Andrews made it four on 55 minutes before Ban Howarth added a fifth on 64 minutes. George Hughes fired a consolation 11 minutes from time when volleying in from a corner, but it was all too little too late.

Frustratingly for the league's basement side, they



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enjoyed plenty of game and had plenty of their chances only to be found wanting at the other end of the field.

Luck was not on their side, with two of the visitors' goals coming from deflections, another appearing off-side and one when the ball had appeared to have gone out of play earlier in the move.

Boss Mario Iaquina admits the defeat has left Llanafairhead with plenty to do if they are to get out of trouble, and they now lie five points adrift of Penycae after Saturday's result.

"We're five points adrift of them which is basically two wins, and we have only won twice all season so it shows the size of the task," he said.

"We need a bit of luck which we haven't been getting, but there's a good bunch of lads here and we won't be throwing in the towel."

SPORT

Llandrinio stay out in front after win No12

TOP dogs Llandrinio continue to set a hot pace at the top of the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division two after making it 12 wins with a slender 4-3 win at Berriew reserves.

Two goals from Luke Weaver, and singles by Nick Rawlings and Tom Herbert clinched the spoils, with Llandrinio now four points clear at the top of the table.

Second-placed Abermule reserves lost ground after being held 3-3 at home to Kerry reserves, with Lewis Sim (2) and Ricky Davies getting the 'Mule' goals, while Ryan Groves, Mark Green and Daryl McWatt (penalty) responded.

CHURCHSTOKE also missed a chance of closing the gap after being held 4-4 at **FOUR CROSSES RES** whose Gareth Jones bagged a hat-trick, Al Gunn getting the other, while Craig Harris (2), Jake Evans and Matt Knight fired the replies.

LLANYMYNECH boosted their hopes of escaping the basement places with a fine 4-0 home win over Carno reserves with Grant Jones, Mike Evans, Jamie Phillips and Dan Astley on the mark.

Dave Pretty's brace was not enough to stop **WATERLOO COLTS** from slipping to a 5-2 home loss to Newtown reserves.

LLANRHAEDR RES are four points clear at the top of the Honda division one despite being held 2-2 at Meifod.

Barry Morris and Mel Roberts were on the mark for the pacesetters, with Phil Hughes and Wyn Williams earning parity for the visitors.

TREFONEN moved clear of the basement stragglers courtesy of a 5-2 home verdict against **LLANSANTFFRAID RES**.

Lee Morris, Martin Phillips, Harry Gunn, Gareth Morgan and Owen Davies found the net, with Wayne Austin and Steve Tomkins responding.

GUILDFIELD RES finished 2-2 at Bettws, with Steve Kenyon and Phil Turnbull netting for the Guils, while Matty Williams and Ben Lloyd were the Bettws contributors.

LLANFAIR RES went down 2-0 at home to title chasing Caerswres, with an own goal and Ryan Jehu setting the issue.

GOLF RETURNS

OSWESTRY

Men's Team of 4 Texas Scramble (Saturday, February 16): 1 Sasi Griffiths, Geoff Evans, Dave Evans & Bryn Jones 57-44=52.5; 2 Steve Pritchard, Dave Sheppard, Keith Davies & Brian Reid 60-53=54.7; 3 Don Dawson, Dave Baugh, Patrick Cudmore & Chris Willbraham 62-67=55.3.

Ellesmere net trophy

ELLESMERE College is celebrating success on the netball courts after winning the Shropshire under-13 Girls Netball County Plate.

The team managed to beat off stiff competition from the likes of Idsall and William Brookes School who they beat 6-2 in the final, which was held at Shrewsbury Sports Village.

High flying pupils from Ellesmere have also delivered a haul of medals and trophies with recent wins in the under-16 North Shropshire Netball and Hockey tournaments.



The winning team (back from left: Miss B Morris (teacher), Shannon Davies, Molly Andrew, Rosie Andrews, Ellie Hutchings; (front) Libby Hughes, Grace Edwards, Kate Williamson, Chloe Johnson)

Morda maintain pressure at top with fine away win

THIRD-PLACED Morda United kept in touch with the Merican Regional League premier division leaders by securing their third win on the trot with a convincing 4-1 verdict at Shifnal 97.

The victory, their fifth in six outings, was based on a solid defensive display and some excellent finishing, and sees the Weston Road men four points adrift of pacesetters Church Stretton and two points shy of title favourites AFC Ludlow, who have played two fewer games.

Morda travelled to Telford with a number of absences, with Gary Meredith, Dean Graham, Dan Graham, Kev McGarvey, Jack Hughes, Tom Coulson and Jay Woodward all unavailable, which meant a reshuffle in midfield and call-ups for two reserve team players to the bench.

The opening exchanges were a tight affair, both teams bypassing midfield and looking to get the ball forward at the earliest opportunity.

Morda enjoyed the best opening efforts with Shawn Melusi having

three glorious opportunities to open the scoring, but his finishing let him down after terrific build-up play.

Melusi, however, did make the difference after 25 minutes when a tight through ball from Tom Burns released him in the box, his cross was met from a great run from Chris Scott who finished neatly to give the visitors the lead.

This kicked Shifnal into life and they started to look a little more threatening, and levelled on 40 minutes following a free-kick in the box.

Keeper Sam Jones was clearly fouled with a push but the ball was played back into the box and the home midfielder fired in.

Undaunted, Morda quickly regained the lead before the break after winning a corner on the right hand side. Shin Miah scuffed the corner but somehow the ball evaded everyone, including the keeper and ended up in the net for a real bonus.

The second half started with Morda on the front foot and within 10 minutes they made it 3-1. Work down the left hand side saw debutant Marc Griffiths (ex-Cefn Druids and Ruthin) and Melusi link up well, with Melusi, on the left hand corner of the 18-yard box, bending his shot into the net.

Morda kept Shifnal at arm's length and tried to hit them on the counter attack, the best chance falling to new boy Griffiths who got on the end of a Melusi cross but hit the post.

Griffiths wasn't to be denied though, and when Miah sent in a deep cross on 80 minutes, Lewis headed back across goal and Griffiths sent a bicycle kick into the net from 10 yards.

Shifnal did have the final opportunity of the match, but were met by a superb save from keeper Jones as Morda notched a vital win against a side they have failed to beat in the previous three meetings.

"It was good win against a decent side," said boss Craig Rogers whose side are on the road again on Saturday with a trip to Oakenegates.

Important

"Shifnal games are usually closer than that but I feel them changing to a bigger pitch suited us and we managed to get in behind them a lot more than we usually do."

"With Ludlow winning at home, it was an important three points to get. I thought we were strong defensively."

"Oakenegates is another tough game on Saturday. It's delightful how the league manage to leave us with so many away games in the second half of the season!"

MORDA RESERVES were due to play Meole Brace at home in division one but, with the clubs not having met at the Shrewsbury side's venue and the Weston Road ground in doubt in midweek, it was agreed to switch the fixture and break Matt Barber's side's long run of home fixtures.

Unfortunately, the change of venue did not change their luck as they suffered 5-0 defeat at the Shrewsbury club.

Meole recovered from their 8-1 humiliation to Wroxeter the week before in fine style with Ryan Pugh and Adam Jones netting two apiece with Darren Smith adding a fifth.

On Saturday, the second team entertain neighbours Oswestry Lions (2pm) and will be hoping for an improved performance after losing 4-1 at home to the Lions in a League Cup tie a few weeks back.

After their lengthy lay-off, **OSWESTRY BOYS CLUB** look to resume their season at home to Pres in division one on Saturday.

Welshpool's worries eased with back-to-back victories

WELSHPOOL Town eased their basement fears in the Spar Mid Wales League division after reeling off back-to-back wins with a 3-0 home verdict against faltering Dolgellau.

After seeing off fellow strugglers Dyffryn Banw the previous week 3-2, the Lilywhites were always in command against Dolgellau after netting three first half goals.

Although not finding the net in the second period, the

Maesdre side never looked likely to relinquish their advantage as they bid to close the gap on several of the sides above them in the table.

Dave Jones' mean still find themselves third from bottom, but are now within three points of the next five teams.

Stuart Buckley-Robbins put Pool on course with a 20-yard strike into the bottom corner and Tom Reynolds doubled the lead with another effort from distance.

James Langford made it three before the break when he rolled his marker before side footing in the net to effectively end the encounter as a contest.

Revival

Both sides had a player sent off in the second half, with Craig Sweatnam seeing red for the home side along with an opponent despite appearing to be the victim of a melee.

CARNO also continued their revival with a 5-0 mauling of struggling Newbridge who have lost a number of players in recent weeks.

Without ever hitting top gear, the hosts ran out comfortable winners with Tom Lapworth hitting the woodwork early on before Danny Pierce cut in to fire the first.

Ioan Humphries then added a second before the break before tapping in another soon after the interval.

Steve Jones made it four from close range before Lap-

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worth got on the scoresheet himself to complete the scoring.

WATERLOO ROVERS saw their good run of form come to an end as they were beaten 2-0 at title hopefuls **MONTGOMERY** who, although eighth, have enough games in hand in which to mount a serious push.

LLANSANTFFRAID Village put up a battling display at new leaders Bultih Wells but returned with nothing to show for their efforts after being edged out 3-2.

Elsewhere, Llanidloes Town, one of the favourites to lift this season's Central Wales Cup, made a surprising fourth round exit at Spar Mid Wales League rivals Tywyn Brucrug.

They finished 3-3 after 90 minutes and 5-5 extra-time in a fluctuating tie before losing 4-3 on penalties after Jack Birmingham had his effort saved and Tom Goodwin saw his spot kick rattle the bar.

Aberaeron are through and will to host Waterloo Rovers in the quarter-finals over their 2-1 win at Aberystwyth University with goals from Rhodri Edwards and Gareth Severs.

Leaders Llanfair make Hay and move well clear

PROMOTION favourites Llanfair United stretched their lead to 10 points at the top of the Spar Mid Wales League division two with a 3-0 win at Hay St Marys, writes **JOHN BRIDGWATER**.

After the euphoria of their Central Wales Cup win the previous week, Rhys Stephens' side showed no hangover as they brushed aside their hosts to maintain their title focus.

And with two of their main rivals, Llandrindod Wells and Knighton Town both losing 4-1 to Rhosgoc and Machynlleth respectively, the picture is looking increasingly rosy for in form Llanfair.

All the damage was done in the first half last week as they led 3-0 at the break, with Chris Gethin getting the first after latching on to a Mark Jones through ball.

Geraint Jones then made it 2-0 before Paul Griffiths added a third on the stroke of half time as the league leaders cantered to victory.

LLANFYLLIN eased their basement fears with a welcome 5-2 home beating of another of the strugglers Presteigne.

After falling behind, they hit back to lead 2-1 at half time through a brace from Tamir Law before the visitors were back on terms soon after the break.

However, Llanfyllin were not to be denied as further goals from Cody Smart, Lee Green and Tom Bailey sealed an ultimately comfortable win.

Victory sees the fourth from bottom, but they are just one point clear of the three teams below them, such is the congestion in the lower reaches of the table.

Oswestry march to home win over title chasers



Oswestry's Pete Revell tries a long-range shot at the Pershore goal during his side's super 3-2 win over title hopefuls Pershore in West Midlands League division two at Marches School. Pictures: Peter Flemmich.

Chatterjee nets after five year goals drought

RANJIT Chatterjee scored a rare goal as Oswestry's hockey players notched a terrific 3-2 home win over promotion chasing Pershore to consolidate mid-table in the ENER-G West Midlands League division two.

Normally a midfielder, Chatterjee switched up front due to injury and marked his first team outing with one goal and an assist in an entertaining tussle at Marches School.

He set up top scorer Jody Wilson to get the first of the afternoon and Rob Chappell then doubled the advantage with a terrific solo goal when he weaved his way around the entire defence before rounding the keeper to score.

Pershore, looking to keep the pressure on the leaders, stormed back with two quickfire goals as they found a way past stand-in keeper David Prince to level at the break.

Dominated

Undeterred, Oswestry came out after the interval with purpose and dominated the second half and got their reward when a well-worked move ended with Charles Evans crossing for Chatterjee to finish off with his first goal in some five years.

The manner of victory was a real tonic and the border side will be looking to keep up the good work when they visit mid-table rivals Barlaston on Saturday as they bid to edge up a couple of places in the table. Oswestry currently lie sixth in the table, one place and one point above Saturday's hosts.

Third placed **OSWESTRY II**, who could only field nine players, suffered a 4-2 loss at Bangor University III in the North Wales mens league.

But they more than played their part in a lively affair and would reflect that it was a game they could have won had they been able to field the full number of players. This Sunday they are due to host second placed Rhyl and Distric IV.

There was no action for **OSWESTRY LADIES** who are flying high at the top of the Cheshire Womens League division three. They had been due to entertain Chester II in a



Oswestry's Ross Bladen (left) gives Rob Smith the slip during the 3-2 win over Pershore at Marches School

PLACINGS

ENER-G Midland League											Ladies Hockey standings										
WEST MIDLANDS 2											CHESHIRE DIVISION 3										
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Bromsgrove	12	10	0	64	18	32		Oswestry	12	12	0	70	11	36							
Ludlow	13	10	0	68	23	31		Bollington	12	9	2	44	14	28							
Pershore	13	8	3	54	22	26		Alderley E III	12	8	2	33	14	23							
Newtown	15	7	6	50	29	23		Timperley III	11	5	4	22	21	17							
West Brom	14	7	6	35	38	22		Chester & D	11	4	5	15	20	15							
Oswestry	14	6	8	60	57	18		Buckley	13	5	6	13	36	15							
Barlaston	13	5	6	41	49	17		Wilmslow III	12	4	6	19	26	14							
Yardley	14	4	9	35	79	13		Oxton II	12	4	8	15	26	13							
Evesham	13	3	10	21	55	9		Nie-Willows	12	2	8	11	31	12							
Aston University	13	1	11	21	79	4		Winnington Park II	11	0	10	3	46								

friendly, but that was called off. They are scheduled to have a rearranged league clash at home to Oxtan on Saturday.

LLANFAIR Ladies moved up to third in the North Wales Ladies League division one with a 2-0 home win over Rhyl.

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Oswestry's Jody Wilson (left) in action during his side's impressive 3-2 win over Pershore. Pic: Pete Flemmich.

Super win at Marches

OSWESTRY's hockey players put the brakes on Pershore's promotion pursuit in the West Midlands League division two after pulling off a fine 3-2 win at Marches School.

First half goals goals from top scorer Jody Wilson and Rob Chappell put them on course, before a rare strike from Ranjit Chatterjee – his first in almost five years – settled the issue in the second period.

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COBRA aim for success on a Plate

COBRA look to stay on course for some silverware this season when they head to Dolgellau in rugby's North Wales Plate on Saturday.

Having slipped out of the Swalec Bowl a few weeks ago, the Meifod side bounced back with an emphatic 59-6 bearing of Rhyl last week to maintain their promotion push in the SWALEC Welsh League division two (north).

And, buoyed by the win, they will be keen to maintain their interest in the Plate on Saturday against higher league Dolgellau in a game that kicks off at noon.

Dolgellau were promoted from the second division last term, and currently lie just below mid-table in division one.

Elsewhere, **WELSH-POOL'S** promotion hopes in the division three (north) faded following their 33-13 loss at local rivals Newtown.

Now lying sixth in the table, they could at least take heart from the performance of their young guns, with the final scoreline not a fair reflection on their efforts.

They have no game this weekend before returning to duty at home to Anglesey side Benllech on Saturday.

Travel-sick Guils seek cure Mario wants luck Confident Pool can home in on points

GUILDSFIELD will be out to remedy their travel blues when they make a tricky trip to Caersws on Saturday as they seek to maintain their pursuit of a top six place in the Cymru Alliance.

While their home form has been excellent (14 goals coming in their last three outings), the Guils have struggled on the road and have so far picked up just three points.

Manager Russell Cadwallader will be hoping his side can put that right, but appreciates the visitors face a tricky test against a Caersws outfit who last week defeated Rhyl in the Welsh Cup.

"We've only picked up three points away this season so it would be nice to

reproduce our home form and get a good result at Caersws on Saturday," he said.

"But we tend not to do well there, and they will be confident after beating Rhyl last week. A top six place is our target, it's a way off at the moment, but we've got games in hand."

Guilsfield only had 12 players last week, with Nathan Leonard still suspended and Danny Barton and Gareth Jones both missing.

Even so, it was a comfortable outing against struggling opponents, with Cadwallader adding: "The first half was quite close, but their keeper made some mistakes in the second half and we ran away with it in the end."

ROCK-bottom Llanrhaeadr are staring down the barrel after their survival hopes in the Cymru Alliance suffered a major blow following a 5-1 home beating at the hands another of their basement rivals, Penycae.

As they look to pick up the pieces ahead of another crucial clash at Rhydymwyn on Saturday, the league's basement side face a tall order if they are to salvage league survival.

Boss Mario Iaquina admits last week's defeat has left the club with a mountain to climb if they are to get out of trouble as they now find themselves seven points adrift of safety.

"After a result like that, it's difficult to take and we were shellshocked," he said. "We need a bit of luck which we haven't been getting, but there's a good bunch of lads here and we won't be throwing in the towel."

Despite starting well last week, Llanrhaeadr soon found themselves 3-0 down as Penycae profited from virtually every opportunity.

BUOYED by back-to-back wins, Welshpool Town put their Spar Mid Wales League division one revival to the test when they tackle promotion chasing Llanidloes Town at Maesdyre on Saturday (2.30), writes

JOHN BRIDGWATER. Last Saturday's 3-0 home win over rock bottom Dolgellau followed a 3-2 verdict against another of the strugglers Dyffryn Banw the previous week as Pool took another step towards securing their safety.

But they are certain to face a sterner challenge tomorrow against a Llani side who, lying second, are looking to keep the pressure on the leaders.

Despite last week's win, Welshpool remain third from bottom, but are now just three points off ninth spot.

The points were wrapped up with first half goals from Stuart Buckley-Robbins, Tom Reynolds and James Langford, and they were never in danger of relinquishing their grip.

Skirmish

Pool hope to be close to full strength, but Craig Sweatman is suspended after being harshly sent off following a skirmish last week in which he received a blow to his face for his troubles.

WATERLOO ROVERS, currently in sixth place, saw their good run of form come to an end last week as they were beaten 2-0 at title outsiders Montgomery who took the spoils through Rhidian Morris and Elliot Jones.

Stung by the loss, Rovers will be keen to bounce back tomorrow when they entertain another of their local rivals, Dyffryn Banw who, lying second bottom in the league themselves, need to points to ease their relegation concerns.

Monty visit leaders Builth Wells in a crunch clash on Saturday, while Four Crosses are at Aberystwyth University, Berriew entertain Newbridge and Llansantffraid Village welcome Carno.

EVANS RULED OUT OF SAINTS RUN-IN

HEAD coach Carl Darlington is confident The New Saints can cope with the loss of influential defender Steve Evans as they gear up for Saturday's televised top-of-the-table showdown at Airbus UK (5.15).

Former Wales and Wrexham centre-half Evans is likely to miss the rest of the Welsh Premier campaign after rupturing his Achilles tendon against Aberystwyth Town earlier this month, putting a dampener on the Saints' bid to retain the league crown.

Darlington admitted it was a big setback to lose the towering central defender, but added that the squad was well placed to cope, with the likes of Phil Baker, Connel Rawlinson and Kai Edwards in the back line, along with Aaron Simms who is currently on loan at Conwy Borough.

"It's a blow to lose a player like Steve who has been inspirational all season," he said. "He's a leader both on and off the pitch and will be greatly missed."

Record

"He's going to be out for eight weeks which is likely to take him to the end of the season, but we've got four good centre-backs at the club who can come in and do a good job and maintain our fine defensive record."

The Saints now turn their focus to Saturday's crunch clash at second placed Airbus UK Broughton as they bid to take another stride towards retaining the league crown, the match being screened live on S4C. New midfielder Jamie Mullan is in line to make his debut after getting over his hand injury.

Airbus has not always proved a happy hunting ground, with TNS having lost 2-1 at the Broughton venue earlier in the season.

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But Darlington believes the high flying Saints are in good shape after being undefeated in their last seven Welsh Premier outings which sees them seven points clear at the top. They were last beaten in the league on November 24 when suffering a surprise 3-0 home loss to Carmarthen, but since then have had five wins and two draws.

The Oswestry men have won their last three home games, including a Welsh Cup victory over Rhyl, scoring 13 goals in the process and conceding just one, but had no action last Saturday. "It was unfortunate not to have a game as ideally we would have liked to have played to keep the momentum going, but it at least gave the players a weekend off and the chance to have a rest," added Darlington.

Morda want same again

MORDA United hit the road again on Saturday as they bid to keep up the title pressure in the Mercian Regional League premier division.

After last week's 4-1 win at Shifnal, their third on the trot, the Weston Road men look for more of the same at Telford side Oakengates this weekend as they attempt to stay hard on the heels of chief rivals, AFC Ludlow.

"With Ludlow winning at home, it was important to get three points last week, but Oakengates is another tough game," said boss Craig Rogers.

Abigail is Oswestry's golden girl



Abigail Bowers (centre) with her Welsh Indoor Championship U17 gold medal

HURDLER Abigail Bowers, from Oswestry Olympians, has enjoyed a terrific start to the year by adding more silverware to her collection.

The teenager stormed to Welsh Indoor Championship under-17 women's 60m hurdles glory, to add to her under-15s titles she won in 2012.

In a very close race, Bowers pipped last year's title holder Amy Leahy (Pembroke Harriers) to the gold medal by 0.01 of a second with a new personal best of 9.18 seconds.

Meanwhile, Oswestry's Shropshire Young Athletes League under-13s gold medalist, Cameron Van Onselen, continued his fine form as he travelled to Stafford to compete at 98th Midlands Cross Country Championships. He came 19th out of 98 competitors in snowy conditions.

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